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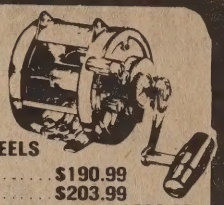

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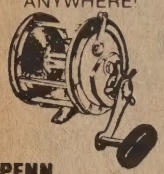

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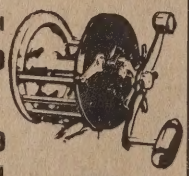

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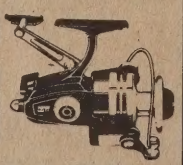

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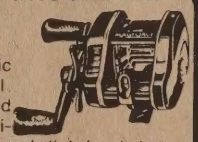

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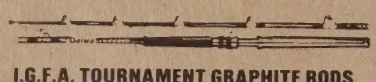

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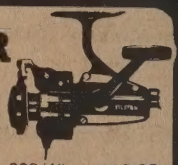

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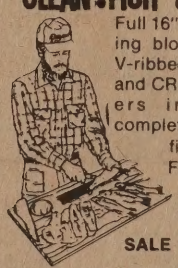

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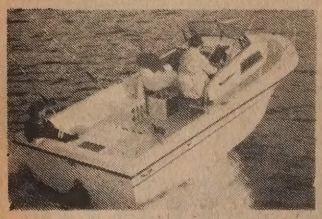

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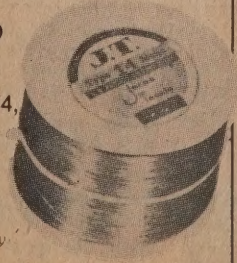

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In passing the Omnibus Budget Deficit Reduction Bill (H.R. 4170) on June 27th, Congress also voted to return each year to outdoor enthusiasts $97 million-plus taxes paid by the nation's boaters and fishermen.

Federal taxes paid on fuel used in recreational boats plus excise taxes paid on fishing tackle and related products will now be collected in a special fund and will pay for programs to enhance the nation's recreational fisheries and fund a host of boating programs. It means that, beginning this fall, funds will start being spent to produce better fishing and make boating safer and easier.

Consistent with what most Americans would likely feel is fair policy—that special government services should be paid for by those people who use them—the new legislation reflects a user-fee philosophy. The new benefits and services for fishermen and boaters will result from taxes already paid by them. Because the "bill" is paid in advance, no federal debt or deficit will result.

Since the mid-1960s, the country's boating industry has been working to earmark funds paid on marine fuel purchases to benefit boater safety and access. Similarly, the nation's fishing industry for years has been asking for increased federal funding to restore sport fishing resources. In mid-1983, these industries joined forces—representing some 30 outdoor groups—to gain a legislative solution.

Led by Jeff Napier, president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association and Carl Sullivan, executive director of the American Fisheries Society, the newly-formed Sport Fishing and Boating Enhancement Committee targeted expansion of the aging Dingell/Johnson Fish Restoration Program as the vehicle to gain the desired results.

Following a year's work and with the support of numerous Congressmen—Representatives Dan Rostenkowski (D-IL), Walter Jones (D-NC), Mario Biaggi (D-NY), Gerry Studds (D-MA), John Breaux (D-LA), and Senators Robert Dole (R-KS), Thomas Eagleton (D-MO), Bob Packwood (R-OR) and Malcolm Wallop (R-WY), the legislation saw light.

Under the new legislation, benefits for outdoor recreationists include:

- Return of federal tax money paid on fuel used in boats, estimated by the U.S. Treasury Department to be $97 million per year.
- Creation of a new National Aquatic Resources Fund with two accounts into which these funds are channeled: boating gets $45 million (state programs will receive $30 million with the balance to the Coast Guard), sport fishing gets $52 million plus additional duties on imported pleasure boats, yachts and fishing tackle.
- At least 10 percent of the funds made available to states from the sport fishing account must be spent on public access to waters benefitting recreational boaters. These funds may not be used at sites which discriminate against power boaters either in restricting the use or amount of power used.

President Reagan is expected to sign the measure in late July.

ATLANTIC BEACH ROD AND GUN CLUB DONATES $500 TO SEND-A-KID FISHING

Members of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club recently donated a check in the amount of $500 to The Fisherman Magazine's Send-A-Kid Fishing Program. According to club spokesman Captain Ronnie Lepper, the organization felt a need to educate youngsters to the joys of fishing. Many of the members agreed that this goal could best be accomplished through the Send-A-Kid Fishing Program. As a result, 55 youths will be treated to a day of fluke fishing on Great South Bay, courtesy of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF SPORTSMEN AND CONSERVATIONISTS FOR REAGAN-BUSH ANNOUNCED

Mayor Margaret T. Hance, National Co-Chair of Reagan-Bush '84, announced today the appointment of Tom McMillan of Reno, Nevada, as National Director of Sportsmen and Conservationists for Reagan-Bush.

A member of many wildlife and conservation organizations and an avid sportsman, McMillan comes "well-qualified for the post," according to Mayor Hance. He will head a group of sportsmen from all parts of the country who will galvanize support among America's 60 million sporting enthusiasts for the re-election of President Reagan and Vice President Bush.

The group, says McMillan, "is concerned not only about continued opportunities for sporting enthusiasts to enjoy the country's resources, but also about the preservation of those resources for future generations." He points to the President's position on conservation as an affirmation of his group's principles. "Our administration," said President Reagan, "believes in the concept of stewardship, caring for the resources we have for the benefit of mankind."

McMillan states that the "President's long-standing support for the efforts of conservationists and the rights of sportsmen, including the right to bear arms, makes his re-election essential to the millions of

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ATLANTIS ANGLERS ANNOUNCE INTERCLUB FLUKE RESULTS

The following fishing clubs have placed first, second and third in the 8th Annual Atlantis Anglers Fluke Interclub Tournament, according to total weight:

Squadron Anglers—9 lbs. 10 oz; Freeport Tuna Club—8 lbs. 6 oz.; and Atlantis Anglers—6 lbs. 6 oz.

The following named fishermen have taken first, second and third place in the tournament according to weight of fish: Richard Gong, Freeport Tuna Club, 3 lbs. 6 oz; Bob Fuller, Squadron Anglers, 3 lbs. 4 oz.; and Dick Rath, Squadron Anglers, 3 lbs. 3 oz.

Congratulations to the Squadron Anglers for taking the Long Island Interclub Trophy for 1984.

WARNING ON ABUSE OF VHF CHANNELS

The New York District Office of the Federal Communications Commission has announced a joint effort with the United States Coast Guard to eliminate abuse of the VHF marine radio channels. The enforcement program is being undertaken because misuse of the marine frequencies seriously affects the safety of the boating public.

A recent monitoring survey conducted by the FCC indicated that there has been a significant increase of communications on VHF marine channels 6, 16 and 13, that are not permitted under the Commission's Regulations. The most flagrant of these Rule violations included: excessive calling and radio checks on Channel 16, open microphones and malicious interference to other radio communications, profanity, and failure to identify the station by announcing the radio call sign of the vessel. These violations by both recreational boaters as well as commercial fishermen will be targeted by the joint FCC/USCG enforcement and educational program. In addition, the Commission will identify unlicensed land-based radio stations operating on marine VHF frequencies.

A Commission spokesman stated that VHF MARINE CHANNEL 16 is reserved for distress and calling purposes only. Once contact has been established with another vessel, both parties should move to a ''talking'' channel to continue their conversation. CHANNEL 6 may be used only for communications directly related to ship safety, while CHANNEL 13 may only be used for ship navigational purposes. All other transmissions should take place on the VHF Marine ''Talk Channels.''

Commission personnel will monitor the marine frequencies throughout the boating season giving verbal warnings when infractions are noted, and providing educational information to alert the public of the Commission's Regulations. In addition, Notices of Violation, and fines ranging up to $2,000 will be issued for willful or repeated offenders.

For further information, contact Judah Mansbach or Alexander Zimny at the New York District office of the FCC: Federal Communications Commission, 201 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014; phone (212) 620-3437 or (212) 620-3438.

CO-OP CITY ANGLERS OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS

New officers for the 1984-85 season of the Co-Op City Anglers are as follows:

President—Stuart Rosenbaum; 1st VP—Mike Elkin; 2nd VP—Marty Eckhause; Treas.—Fred Landau; Recording Secy—Bert Nival; Corrs. Secy—Sam Drillings. Trustees: Rosa Noval; Cathy Racanelii; Shirley Ashburne, and Sgt.-At-Arms—Bob Blackwell.

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JUNE BLUE SHARK CATCHES DOWN IN MID-ATLANTIC BIGHT ACCORDING TO NMFS

Last month the catches of blue sharks by anglers in the Middle Atlantic Bight (Cape Hatteras to Cape Cod) was far below average. For example, from 1965 through 1983 at the two-day Bay Shore, New York Mako Tournament, the catch of blue sharks including tagged fish ranged from 59 to 1,187 individuals. In 1984, only one blue shark was landed at this tournament. Lower catches of blue sharks were also reported at other tournaments between Cape May, New Jersey and Moriches, New York last month. In addition, we normally received cards for about 1,000 tagged blues sharks from New Jersey and New York anglers during the month of June. This year the number is less than 300.

One explanation for the lower blue shark catches is that 1984 was a record, or near record, year for rainfall in parts of the northeast during May and early June. The US Geological Survey reports the flow of many small streams throughout New York, for example, were two or three times larger than average. Record stream flow for May occurred in Maine, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and Virginia. Oceanographc surveys showed freshwater runoff decreased salinities in surface waters on the continental shelf out to 70 or 80 miles in the MAB. Usually the major in-

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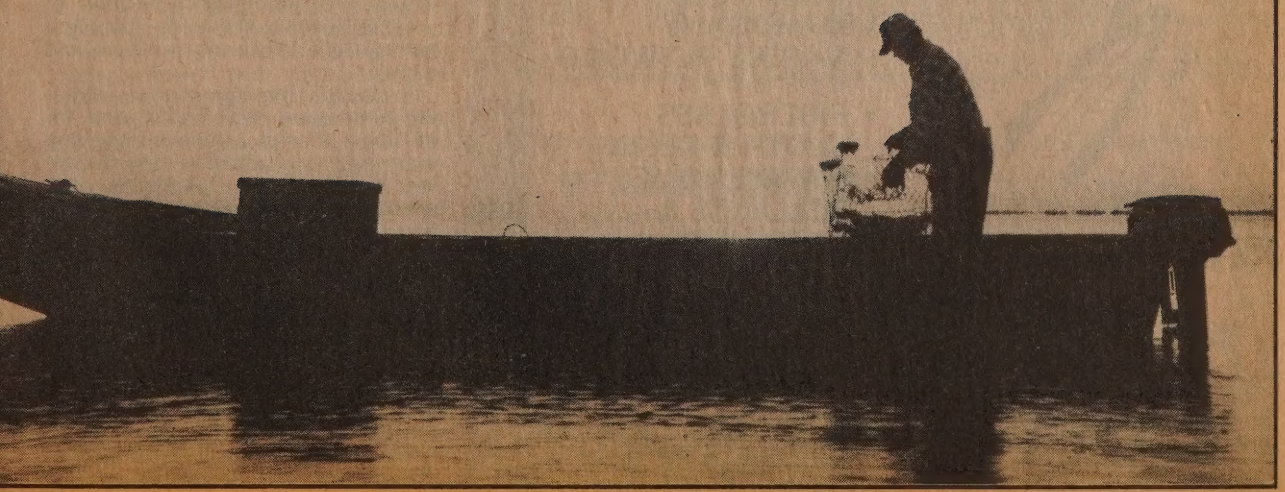

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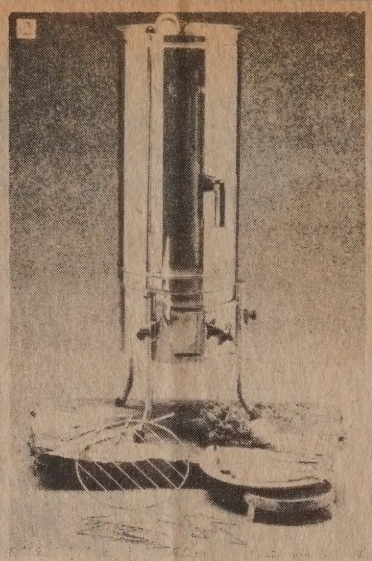

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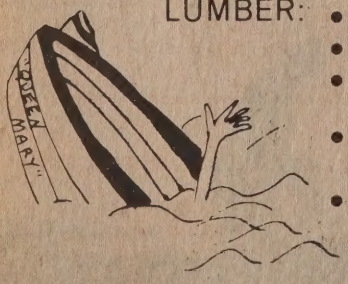

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In Canada, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation received a grant for the completion of a walleye fingerling rearing pond at Jackfish Lake in Saskatchewan. It is estimated that approximately 300,000 walleye fingerlings will be produced annually upon completion of the pond.

Monies from the Foundation will be used specifically for the construction of a water control gate and structure and a catwalk.

The Foundation has also granted funds to the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department for its artificial reef program. The funds will go toward the loading, transporting and off-loading of 354

tons of donated concrete materials associated with the construction of an artificial reef near Hilton Head Island, SC. When completed, the reef will furnish 5,000 sq. ft. of marine habitat, and be identified as the FishAmerica Reef.

Saltwater recreational fishing is an important source of economic input in this area, which is receiving increasingly heavy fishing pressure, especially during the tourist seasons. Construction of artificial reefs should alleviate some of this pressure and provide essential habitat for various saltwater species.

The Glidden Ranger Station in Glidden, Wis., received a small grant for the construction and placement of two experimental muskie spawning cribs in Sailor Lake, Price County, Wis. The installation of these spawning cribs is an experiment to determine if certain manmade materials provide an improved environment for muskie egg survival.

Since its founding in July, 1983, the FishAmerica Foundation has contributed more than $125,000 to projects directly related to the enhancement of fish populations and water quality improvement.

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CORRECTION

In LIF Issue #28, under Chum Lines, ref. Send-A-Kid Fishing, the name of Ed Trapani was misspelled. Our apologies to Ed.

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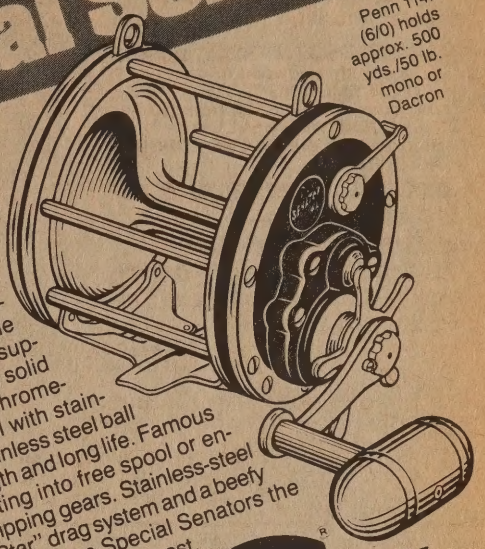

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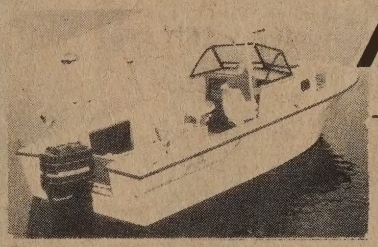

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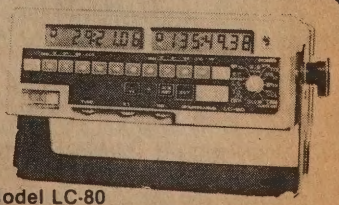

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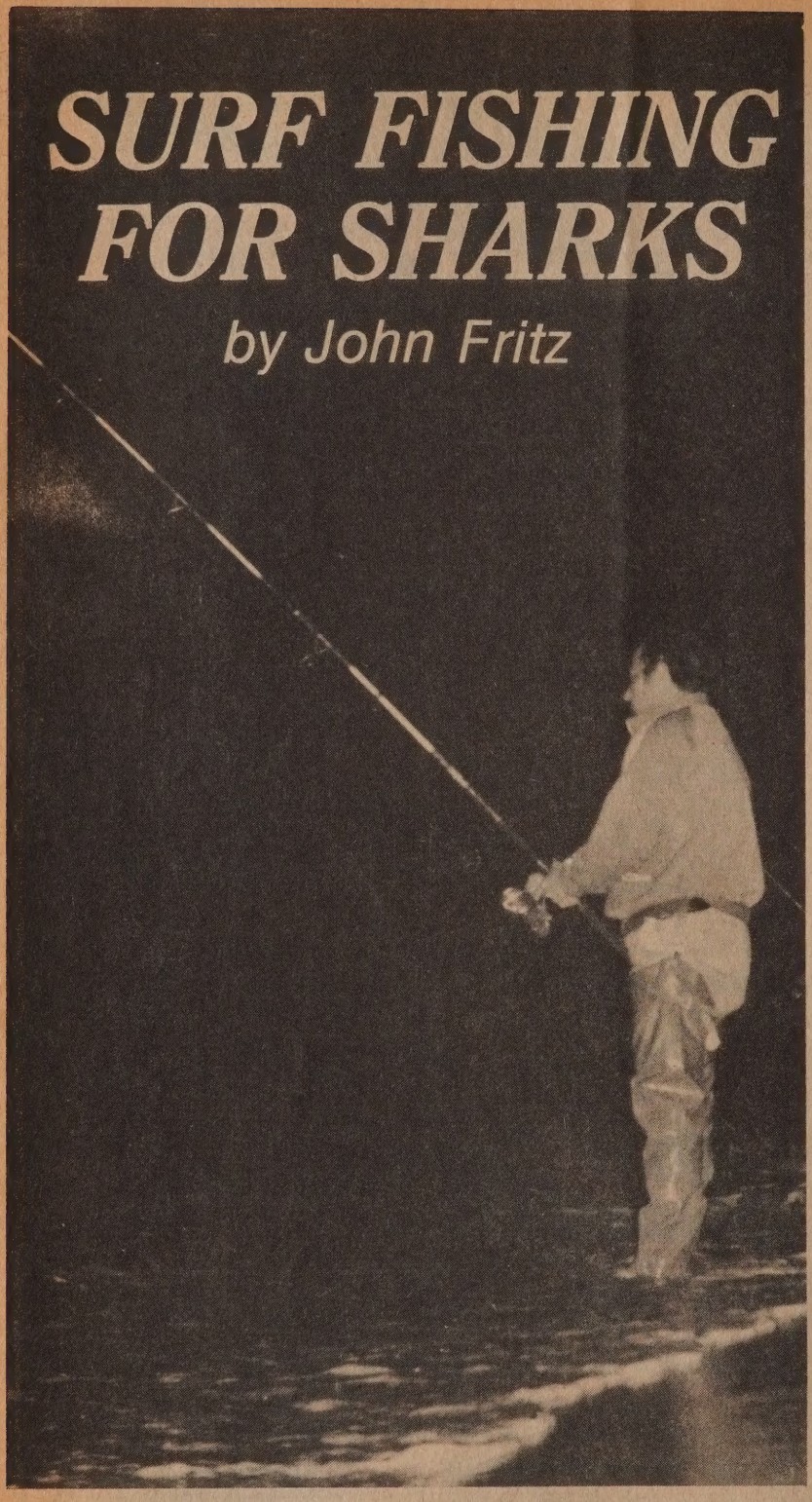
SURF FISHING FOR SHARKS

by John Fritz



Surf fishing during the dog days of August can be compared with the eastbound traffic on the L.I.E. around 5PM. Slow, slower, slowest, is the overall view through a surf fisherman's eyes of the quest for game fish along Long Island's shoreline. Some anglers stow their gear until the approach of autumn rejuvenates the fishing scene. Others will keep plugging away, hoping they encounter a game fish willing to accept their offerings. There is a small group of fishermen in the Gilgo area, who turn their attention towards hooking and occasionally landing, fish, that will test the mettle of any fisherman and his equipment. Brown sharks attaining weights that can only imagined, for the larger ones are never landed, help these beach fishermen spend many pleasant summer nights.

The presence of such large sharks so close to the beach, during the bathing season, might surprise some people. Observant boatmen and fishermen are aware that an encounter with a large shark in close proximity to the beach, is a fairly common occurrence. Although many such sightings do take place during the daylight hours, surfmen specifically seeking sharks confine their efforts to the hours of darkness.

The mood associated with this type of fishing is rather carefree. Beach chairs, Coleman lantern, a cold six pack and the all-important sand spike, are a few of the items needed to ensure a pleasant evening. Blitz type fishing is definitely not to be expected, so while waiting for that runoff one might as well be comfortable. Anglers fishing from their buggies do have an edge in this category, but a walker can manage easily, carrying his rod and chair in one hand and a plastic pail holding all the other items in the other. With the rod resting in its spike, illuminated by the glare of the lantern, there is little left to do but sit back and enjoy the summer evening. Since it is not necessary to have an onshore wind stir up the surf and push the bait on the beach, only the most favorable nights can be chosen.

This relaxed attitude poses one danger unless certain precautions are taken. First of all, the rod must be set in a satisfactory sand spike which has been securely embedded in the ground. In addition, the drag must be loosened sufficiently so that the line will be played out before the rod can be wrenched from the spike. It should also be pointed out that the drag mechanism should be in faultless operating condition or the end result could be a rod lost in the surf. A faulty drag while one is holding the rod may result in a broken line or a lost fish. On the other hand, when the rod is resting in a spike, it seems that the fish usually chooses the most inopportune moment to strike the bait.

Many of these sharks are large, some larger than many surfmen can control, therefore substantial tackle should be chosen. Conventional fear is clearly appropriate, if the angler is competent in its use. The average surfcaster is better advised to stick with spinning tackle if that is what he normally uses. Since I have not tried a wide variety of rods and reels I can only comment on a limited list of tackle; others I have used in the past are no longer available. The recommendations are offered only to provide an example so that you can select gear of comparable class. The rod should have enough backbone to cast five ounces of lead, plus the bait, with ease. A rod similar to the 11½ foot Lamiglas blank #SSB1363M is an ideal stick for bait fishing or plugging with heavy lures. This rod, in my opinion, should be equipped with a Crack 300, but since they are costly and difficult to obtain, an ample substitute is the Penn 706Z or 850SS. Most local bottom fishermen prefer

spooling their reels with 20 lb. test Ande line, but whichever line you choose make sure you carry extra spools or replacement line on your trip. Anyone using conventional gear in the surf needs little advice from me. If his abilities have progressed that far, he has already selected his rod and reel.

The majority of surfmen plying the South Shore beaches, using bait, prefer the fishfinder rig; seeking sharks is no exception. A 7/0 O'Shaughnessy hook is a suitable item for the business end of your line as long as it is attached to 8 to 12 inches of 60 pound test single strand wire. Many anglers, if they do happen to beach the shark, will simply cut the leader and release the fish. For this reason and because many are lost before they near the wash, it is recommended that stainless steel hooks and leaders are not used. Stainless steel, because of its long lasting resistance to corrosion, will remain embedded in the fish for an extremely long time.

A sizeable cork should be threaded on the wire leader, in order to float the bait beyond the reach of those pesky crabs. At times this can be a frustrating task, especially since most fishing can be done in a calm surf, a time when every crab in the ocean seems to be in your immediate area. It sometimes helps to leave a bit of slack in the line so that the bait can float free and not be snubbed up tight to the sinker.

Single strand wire has a tendency to kink. Once a kink has been formed in the wire the strength of the line is reduced considerably. In such instances, it is best to discard the leader and replace it with a new section of wire. This, coupled with the possibility that rigs may be lost for other reasons, points out the need to have a supply of pre-fashioned rigs on hand. It should be remembered that any angler fishing with wire should have a pair of cutting pliers at his disposal.

Now that most of the tackle requirements have been mentioned, the means of attracting a shark should be covered. Since bait is the name of the game and since sharks have an exceptionally keen sense of smell, we need something that sends out the message as far as possible. What better baits are there than cross sections of nauseating, oily bunker and mackerel. Chunks are most often preferred over the use of fillets. By leaving the skin intact the piece of bait will retain its firmness, shape and most importantly—its aroma, for a longer period of time. Sharks do not seem to be as selective in their choice of food as bass or bluefish, so now is the time to put to use that bait left over from last season. One word of caution though: bait that has been frozen too long tends to disintegrate quickly once it has been thawed out. This presents a problem when attempting to sling the bait beyond the breakers, for the hook frequently tears through the soft flesh. It is best to keep the baits frozen as long as possible, but if this is not practical, a spool of cotton thread can be used to secure the bait to the hook.

Dispensing with those cumbersome waders might be considered, for the nights are generally warm and the surf calm. On occasion, though, it may be necessary to wade into the water and the touch of wet, sand covered jeans is not one of my favorite sensations. When trying to land any decent sized fish, whether it be a valued striper or a lowly shark, the assistance of a partner is always welcome. The sweep of an ocean surf, especially in darkness, makes this the most crucial phase of the fight. A partner, wading into the wash, is better able to secure an exceptionally large shark. Meanwhile, the angler can maintain secure footing and a tight line by staying beyond the reach of the waves.

A few words of caution for anyone who contemplates grabbing a wire leader in such instances, particularly one which has a mouthful of teeth attached to the end. First of all, make certain there is sufficient distance between the rows of razor-sharp dentures and where you intend to grasp the leader. Keep in mind the possibility that visibility is poor and the surf may push the fish towards you. Secondly, a pair of leather work gloves or their equivalent should be worn. Many, many anglers regret the time they tried to drag a fish from the wash by the leader, whether wire or mono, only to be sliced to the bone as the line cut through the water-softened flesh. If the shark is to be released, just ease it into the shallows, admire him and cut the leader as close as you dare. These sharks bother no one as they scrounge the waters seeking food; there is no reason to destroy them.

Depending on the tide and the formation of the beach when you plan your trip, it is sometimes necessary to wade through a trough or to the outer edge of a shelf before you cast. Unlike bass and sometimes blues, sharks normally prefer their bait to be placed beyond the curl of the innermost breaker. Better success can be achieved when the bait is cast as far as possible off the beach.

I'm sure that surf fishing for sharks can be undertaken on numerous other sections of the Long Island coast. The state parks provide the opportunity for non-residents to gain access to the water as long as a fishing permit has been previously obtained. In the Cedar-Gilgo area, night parking is restricted to the lots at Cedar, Gilgo and Tobay; all these parking areas are within a reasonable walk of productive waters.

This type of fishing will not interest the ardent plug caster or those who have little interest in anything other than striped bass. For those who will take their action any way they can, this can be a novel and exciting way to pass a few summer evenings until autumn.

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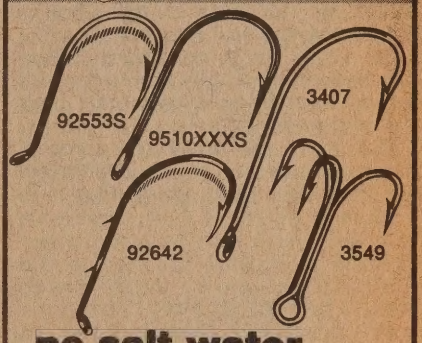

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—BLUEFISH WEST—

BEATING THOSE WEEKEND BLUES

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

It's no secret that big bluefish have taken up residence at the Cholera Banks the last few seasons. They've been there pretty consistently from the beginning of July, through most of the summer until they start their fall migration pattern.

No doubt the acres and acres of sand eels present in the depths are what attracts those gluttonous critters. On any given day, you will see a fleet of boats of all sizes, from seaworthy 17 footers to 100 foot party boats, working the grounds which lie about 11 miles south and slightly west of Jones Inlet. A course of 174 degrees magnetic (depending on your boat's deviation card) will put you right on the money.

Most of these boats will be jigging blues. Diamond jigs work very well when the fish are tightly schooled together feasting on pods of sand eels and are easily located by looking for the diving birds. During the week, diamond jigging is very consistent when the area is worked mostly by the party boat fleet. These skippers are knowledgeable enough to avoid spooking the fish by keeping their distance and drifting through the diving birds rather than powering through them like most inexperienced weekend warriors do.

While some trollers opt for a length of leader between tube and umbrella arm, the author prefers attaching his tubes directly to the arm.

Unfortunately, I have to work for a living during the week (it's the only way to make those boat payments), so like many others, I usually confine my fishing to the weekends. And it never fails. Every weekend there are some inconsiderate idiots who persist in running through every patch of birds working on the surface. This does two things: it scatters the blues and drives them deeper, which obviously makes them harder to catch. I have found that when this is the case, the only way to catch them consistently is to troll. When I see boats jigging having a tough time, it's time to grit my teeth and start dragging wire.

When the bluefish start to scatter, they just tear out of there, hell bent for leather in all directions. So I try and set up a trolling pattern that will take me in larger and larger circles around an area where the birds were recently working until I locate fish. Basically, I just work in a wide arc until I mark some fish on the recorder or get some hits. Once I've hooked up, I'll try and run over that area again and again until I fail to get any action. Then it's time to start back to a circular pattern gradually widening outward, until I find the fish again. Keep in mind that when the fish scatter they really scatter all over the place. I'm not going to go into great detail in the art of wire line trolling because that has been covered many times before and will surely be reviewed again; but I want to give you a few hints and ideas that have paid off for us.

When the fish go deep, trolling 200 or 300 feet of monel wire is usually enough. Make sure you use monel wire which is softer and more for-

giving than regular stainless steel wire and stick with 30 or 40 lb. test. I favor the 40 lb. test because with my boat it gets down 10 feet for every 100 feet of wire. Many old pros feel that monel doesn't vibrate as much through the water, which can make certain game fish like weaks and stripers leery of your lures. So stick to monel wire. We always troll with two outfits: one is set with all 100 yards of wire out; the other is set with 200 feet of wire out which puts one rod at 30 feet below and one at 20 feet. At times, we'll get hits while we are letting the wire out. When this happens, one rod will trail 100 feet of wire and the second rod will trail 200 feet. This will give us coverage of depths at 10 and 20 feet, respectively. If after awhile you notice one rod is consistently outfishing the other, set both rods at that depth. Don't be afraid to experiment as there are no hard and fast rules to this. It isn't an EXACT science. To catch fish consistently, you must be adaptable to changing circumstances.

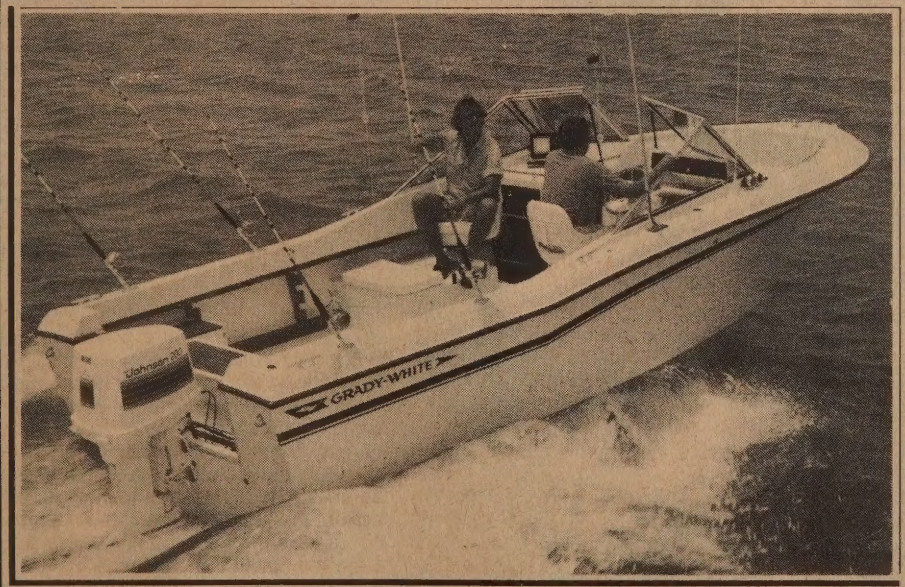
The next item I want to talk about is speed. At what speed should you troll? With my boat (22 foot Aquasport with 200 hp), we always start at 1000 rpm's. If nothing happens, we'll try a little faster or slower, maybe 1100 or 1200 rpm's. Generally we run at somewhere between 750 and 1500 rpm's. On my boat this ranges from about three to six knots. On occasion, I have nailed some big fish over 15 pounds when I am at 2000 rpm's speeding up in order to make a turn. Remember, experimenting is the key here. Use my guidelines to start and see which work the best for your boat.

Now my favorite subject of debate: umbrella rigs. The first thing I want to discuss is the actual physical size of the umbrella itself. I prefer to use only the smaller four-arm umbrella rig myself. I started using the bigger six arm rig and found they worked great for multiple hook-ups of smaller fish. It seems that the bigger fish prefer the smaller umbrella. This is fine with me because they are easier to handle due to less resistance in the water as they are trolled. Maybe the bigger blues think that it's a smaller school of sand eels packed densely together. This could signal to the big blues that these baitfish are more frightened, hence more densely packed together. Presenting an easier meal, or to put it another way, a bigger mouthful. Speculate as you will, but it works for whatever the reason. Also, I have had absolutely no trouble at all with failure of these rigs with big fish and/or multiple hook-ups.

While we are still on umbrella rigs, don't bother using mono to tie the tubes to the umbrella, as long as they have a good barrel swivel on the hook. I don't use a teaser on a long piece of mono either, at least not for bluefish. You will find you waste more time untangling these leaders, trying to set the rigs in the water, and getting them to run straight than it's worth. After all, I'm out here to fish, not to practice tying knots. Do use about 25 feet of heavy mono leader (about 50 to 80 lb. test) between the end of the wire and the umbrella, use a good size barrel swivel on the end of the wire and a quality snap swivel to connect the umbrella to your leader.

As far as the tubes go, I stay with the 5/0 size. It's a good average size for even smaller fish and it can handle the big ones, too. Make sure you get the ones with the bend on the shank of the hook to give them a more lifelike action in the water. As far as colors go, we like to use the brighter fluorescent colors on my boat, with green and orange being the favorites. Sometimes the water is a little murky and you need the brighter colors to turn the fish on. We have never been too successful with dark colors like purple and black. We never mix colors either; we keep all tubes on the same rig the same color, although we usually fish two different colors on different rods to determine if the fish have a preference on a given day.

Give these Cholera blues a shot and remember, don't be afraid to experiment. Many of the techniques discussed here are contrary to what is considered normal practice. When the norm didn't work for me and I knew the fish were there, it was time to try something different. Those fishless days are now few and far between!



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—BLUEFISH EAST—

BONANZA AT CARTWRIGHT

by Capt. Zac Grossman

The television series had nothing to do with its naming, but the place we call Cartwright is certainly a bonanza. This small hump in the ocean floor and a few others like it are the season-long residence of the largest and easiest bluefish you could ever want.

That combination makes this spot, just a few miles south of Montauk light, both an ideal place for beginners and a proving ground for those into light tackle and record setting catches. Action is what impresses a newcomer to our sport and action is very important in turning the novice into a veteran. Every fish has a lesson to teach the beginner and a spot that produces large fish in quantity is an excellent classroom. When there is practically no "wait time" till the next fish, an angler can experience in a day what elsewhere would take countless trips.

Fish fighting techniques can be learned by trial and error and losing a fish while searching for the tackle's limits is not a traumatic experience signaling the end of the day when you know that the next fish is only a few minutes away. Such a spot is Cartwright and especially in the late summer and fall, when the bluefish feed ravenously and reach gigantic proportions. Fish in the mid to high teens are the norm, not the exception. Being so close to Montauk, this spot is often populated by an entire fleet from party boats down to small trailerables. Caution should be exercised, though, as the rips at the Point and at Shagwong Reef have to be negotiated to return home and may look very different than they did in the morning if the weather kicks up.

Rigging for these fish is as easy as

This area gained its reputation by consistently producing monster blues such as this.

can be. The standard rig, called the Cartwright rig, consists of a large egg-shaped sinker with a length of chain molded into it. Two hooks attached to the chain complete the rig which is easy to find in Montauk tackle shops. Herring are the preferred bait and come in handy "flats" of 25 pounds each, available at most marinas. One hook is placed through the eyes of the bait and the other is placed through the herring as far back as possible. Depending on the tide, any rig that gets the bait near the bottom will do.

The rig is lowered to the bottom and then reeled up a few feet. Each rod should suspend its bait at a different number of turns (of the reel handle) from the bottom to determine the strike zone if the fish are stratifying. When a strike occurs all rigs can be adjusted accordingly. These bluefish may appreciate all the free herring that comes their way, but their manners are lacking. They wolf down the bait and rarely miss the hook, even rods left unattended in rod holders catch their share. These fish are hard fighters and will make you work for every inch of the 70 to 90 foot battle.

During certain stages of the tide these fish will respond well to diamond jigs, so it pays to keep trying one every so often. When this action starts, it will be just as hot and heavy as with bait. Squidding is the method use. The lure is lowered to the bottom and then rapidly retrieved. It should, however, be kept within the strike zone. Reeling it all the way to the surface just wastes time. Jigging can be done either anchored or drifting, but be aware that drifting among a fleet of anchored boats requires careful attention to the helm. Engines must be left on so the boat can be maneuvered out of a discourteous or even dangerous encounter. Anchoring takes plenty of scope and some boat handling savvy. The water is deep and an anchor ball and ring is recommended for retrieval.

Because the fish are so thick and so cooperative, you can use a wide assortment of tackle. The standard is a light action conventional outfit flexible enough to telegraph the excitement to the angler. Standard is 30 to 40 pound test loaded on a reel such as the Daiwa 50H. I like to play with light tackle here and have had lots of fun with spinning gear as light as four pound test with one ounce jigs. Freshwater baitcasting gear is also fun especially when there is an angler using it who is used to freshwater bassing. The first bluefish usually gets quite a reaction as it tries to tear this equipment right out of the angler's hands.

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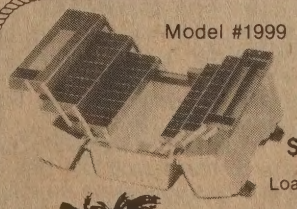

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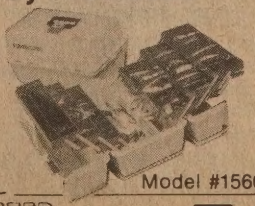

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STATEN ISLAND'S SUMMER FLATFISH

by Rich Giessuebel

Within easy reach of the Metropolitan area, Staten Island fluking provides action aplenty.

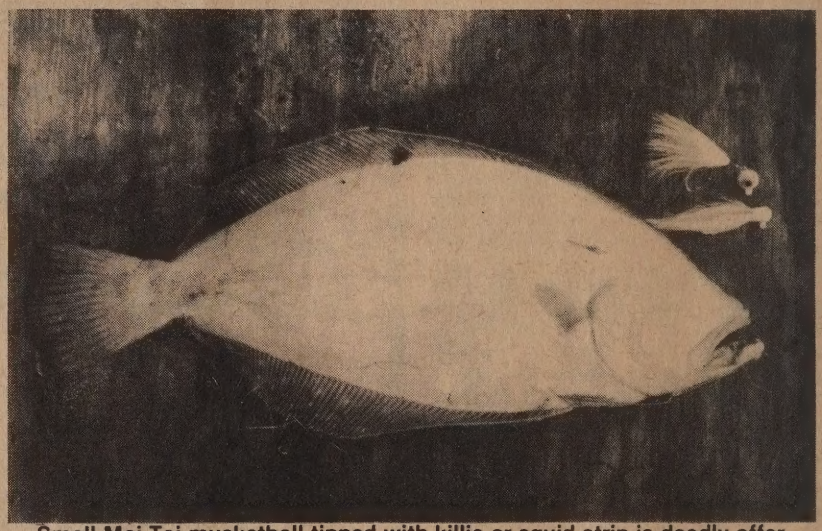
If you like catching fluke and don't like traveling too far to do it, consider 100 fluke a day, all within half an hour of the Metropolitan Area. Interested? Well, the place is Staten Island and the time of year is now!

Fluke invade lower New York Harbor late in May. They really start stacking up in June and from late June on through July, they can be caught in very large numbers from small boats working the shoreline of Staten Island north of Great Kills Harbor as far as the islands of Hoffman and Swinbourne. There are party boats that also work this area and if you do not possess the means of cashing in on this action, you might look into a trip on one of the boats that occasionally fish along this strip.

The best way to start off your day is to get a bucket of killies. These can be purchased at your favorite fishing store, or if you put into the water at Great Kills Park, you can get them right there at Staten Island Bait and Tackle. Just follow Hylan Blvd. from the Verrazano Bridge south to Great Kills Park. Go several blocks past the entrance to Gateway National Park and you will come to Great Kills Harbor. Staten Island Bait and Tackle has many signs posted in the area, so just follow the signs. After purchasing bait, the launch ramp is about 500 yards ahead. Put your boat into the water and head out the opening to the harbor.

You will notice that the channel swings off to the left. Follow the channel until you get about even with the protective jetty on your left. This is a short distance of about 500 yards. From this point on, all the way out to the bug light, you can drift for and catch fluke. Make certain to see which direction the tide is moving and adjust your drift for maximum effectiveness. That is, if going out, just shut your engine down and drift out. If coming in, run off the channel in the direction of the tide several hundred yards and shut down. Now you will drift back towards the channel. By moving further out, on each successive drift, you will be able to cover a much greater area.

Don't expect to catch many fluke in this vicinity. It is heavily fished, and although you can get 20 or more fish here, you stand a chance of catching your largest fish from this area. Since it's right there when you begin and finish, why not shoot for the pool winner at those times?



Small Mai Tai musketball tipped with killie or squid strip is deadly offering.

What about the boat and motor? Well, you really do not need too much in this area. Pay attention to the weather reports and be able to handle a good chop. A 14 foot offshore variety tin boat can handle this situation with ease. You can use from 10 hp outboard on up. But, with a 10 hp kicker and a 14 footer, you can expect to make the Hoffman Island in about 35 minutes. If it looks like you are going to get some bad weather, be able to make the harbor within 40 minutes and you should be all right. Of course, the larger the engine, the faster the trip.

A 14 footer can comfortably fish two anglers. On occasion, you can fish a third, but this also cuts down on your speed, so plan to fish with one other guy, or perhaps a smaller child. Adjust your load evenly so that the boat has the weight evenly around the center of balance. This will allow it to generate maximum speed and efficiency.

As for tackle, don't go heavy. You can use a freshwater trout rod, ultralight action and still catch your 100 fish. Recommended, however, is a medium action freshwater rod, any size light action spinning or baitcasting reel that is capable of casting a 3/8 ounce bucktail and killie combination away from the boat. Make certain that you can cast the light bucktail with your outfit before taking it along. It would be too late to find out that you couldn't fish the rod you had brought along because you hadn't tried it first. All spinning reels should work well, but make certain your levelwind or baitcaster can effectively handle light lures.

Now, tie on a straight hook bucktail, preferably between 3/8 and 1/2 ounces. Use no other weights! Hook the killie through its lips and cast the combination ahead of and off to the side of your drift. Allow it to reach the bottom and then with a series of short jerks, bring the combination back to you. Make certain the combo stays along the bottom! Since fluke feed along the bottom, keep your bait right on the bottom. When a fluke grabs the bait, there's no dropping back like fluke fishermen are used to doing. You just simply lift your rod tip high and the fish will be hooked.

On good days you may only make two or three jerks per cast before a fluke stops the bait. When he stops it,

you will know because there will be a heavy weight on the other end. At this point, you lift the rod and set the hook. On slow days, you might have to make several casts per fish, but the bucktail and killie combo should account for 10 fish to every one caught on bait.

While using bait, stick with killies, sand eels and squid. Fluke belly is also a killer! Use short strips between four and six inches long, tapered from about one-half inch at the top to a very sharp point at the end. Hook the bait only once at its uppermost part and drift it along behind the boat with a two or three ounce sinker about 18 to 24 inches in front of it. We use a long-shanked #2 fluke hook.

Once the fish strikes your bait, you must give it time to swallow the bait. The waiting game prevails and is much of the fun and a lot of the excitement to an experienced fluke fisherman. When you feel the fish tugging away, pull up and set the hook. With the bucktails, you don't have to do any waiting, and the fluke seem to pick them up much faster than they do the bait. You should be ready to fish both ways. It's not impossible to fish a dead stick with bait down the center of the boat, while you cast bucktails off both ends of the boat.

The hotspot for making the biggest catches lays between Staten Island and Hoffman Island just north of South Beach. On some days you should try off the South Beach shoreline, while on other days, you can begin by the island. This area is excellent during this early part of the season and best of all, it never gets too crowded.

If you want to try a party boat that is often seen in this area, check the "Sea Pigeon" out of Perth Amboy. Captain Marty Haines turned us on to this area, and he likes to drift right along the shoreline back here on most days. With a tin boat, you can get much closer to the beach and score on fish with the first several feet of your drift. Remember, the bucktails must always be jerked along. If the current is too swift, go to a bigger jig, but always try to get away with the lightest you can.

One other thing that has worked well on occasions has been the Mister Twister Tail quarter ounce bucktail and a purple grub with a killie added. This combo has proven itself to be very deadly! Fished just like prescribed, blues, weaks and fluke find it highly attractive.

Now, even though you can get 100 fluke a day in this area, with this technique, you are fishing in New york State waters, so you can only keep fish that measure over 14 inches in length. Carry a ruler and return all short fish unharmed. On an average 100 fish a day, you can expect to bring home about 20 or 30 keepers. That's not bad, considering that every keeper will be large and that there will be plenty more fish waiting to please you the next time you return.

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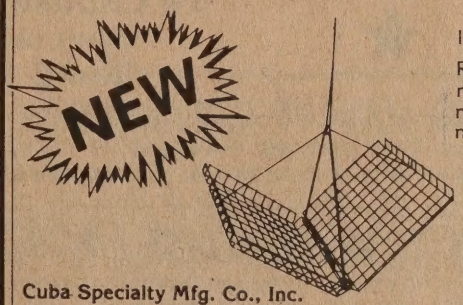

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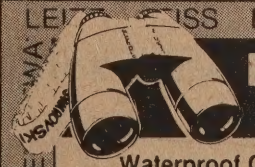

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SHADY BASSIN'

by Tom Schlichter

Where do those dog day bass disappear to during the steamy summer doldrums? That's a question I often asked myself when I was younger and still ponder on occasion today. I can recall reading as a kid that largemouth bass moved to deeper, cooler water as the temperatures increased during the summer months. True as this information may have been, it frustrated the heck out of me, for you see most of the ponds and lakes I fished at the time were of the dish pan variety. To me, "deep water" was any depth which exceeded five feet. Naturally, these depths produced no better action that the surrounding three foot shallows.

It's a well established fact that largemouth bass in many deep water lakes, impoundments and reservoirs will suspend in depths of 20 feet or more when surface temperatures begin to increase with the advance of summer. But where do those fish take refuge in the shallow dish pan ponds and lakes which may cover several acres without exceeding 10 or 12 feet in depth? It's been my experience that a large percentage of them seek out the thickest, shadiest, cover they can find since this is where heat and light penetration will be least intense.

I was 15 years of age at the time I began to piece the puzzle together. An errant cast had entangled my line in the midst of a large maple tree which leaned precariously over the shallows of a small Sayville lake. With my last blue-hued Rebel hopelessly ensnarled by the lure-eating menace, I determined that my only recourse was to climb up and retrieve my $2.99 prize. I shimmied up the trunk and inched my way out over the water along a brittle, inchworm infested branch. Following a few aerial acrobatics which would have done the great Carl Wallenda proud, I managed to free my lure and set about descending to the ground (a task which for reasons I cannot comprehend seems to be always infinitely more difficult than ascension).

It was at this point in time that I noticed several large bass finning directly beneath me. I stared in disbelief. There must have been seven or eight of them, each weighing over five pounds and the largest pushing eight. "So that's where you've been hiding," I quipped to myself. Quickly retreating from the maple, a job made even more difficult than usual by my now shaking hands, I retrieved my rod and thought for a moment.

The position of those fish posed a perplexing dilemma: they were tight against the bank, but could not be worked due to intense shoreline cover and, of course, the evil, lure-consuming maple. Wading was out of the question, as the lake bottom in that area was covered by a two-foot layer of foul smelling muck. The only way to reach those fish seemed to be to climb back up to my perch and guide a baited hook between the tangled branches. Only if I was successful in hooking up would I consider the problems entailed in battling an eight pound monster on six pound test, while suspended 12 feet above the tangled snarls and muddy waters that lay below.

As Murphy would have it, I never did score with one of those beauties. I quickly managed to scratch up some large night crawlers from beneath a rotting plywood board and scurried back up the tree, rod in hand. Once again inching my way out over the water, I took a seat and pulled a worm from my shirt pocket. Just as my small Eagle Claw hook pierced the

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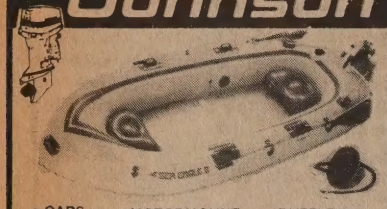
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collar of the squirming creature, the branch gave way with a resounding crack—depositing me and my rod smack in the middle of the fish! Needless to say, those bass didn't hang around to laugh, although I'm sure the worm found some amusement as I extracted the hook from my wrist.

I managed to pull my muddy self ashore and fought my way through the thick undergrowth which encompassed the bank. Cursing with every step the sticker bushes which seemed intent on separating my hide from its skeleton, I realize that, if nothing else, I had learned two valuable lessons that day. First, bigmouths will take up residence in shallow water, even in hot weather, provided there is adequate shade cover. The second lesson dealt with Newton's law of gravity and probably does not need further explanation.

If you relish the challenge of casting in tight quarters and fishing shallow waters, then shady bassin' may be for you. Over years of working shallow waters, I have found largemouths to possess an amazing capacity to take cover in some of the skinniest shaded waters available. This type of fishing, however, is not the mere child's play it may appear to be on the surface. A large degree of daring and ingenuity is required to work your way into the tangles favored by lunkers. What's more, you must keep your approach exceedingly quiet to prevent spooking the quarry.

I have taken largemouths from treetops, under bridges, in small tunnels and, of course, from amidst fierce shoreline growth. Each year I manage to locate new productive areas as lake edges are changed by development or Mother Nature. Readings I've taken have consistently demonstrated that water temperature can vary by as much as five degrees between shaded and open waters. That's a big difference to a fish sulking in an 80 degree steam bath.

Equally as important to shallow bass as locating cooler water is escaping intense sunlight. The small Sayville pond mentioned previously had cool water entering it at one end via a small fast-moving stream. On cloudy days, a good number of bass could often be seen lounging in the refreshing current at its mouth. As soon as the sun would break through, however, this location became devoid of fish life, save for an occasional stunted sunny, as larger fish sought cover. I'm sure you've witnessed this vanishing act on numerous occasions. Those bass simply do not see any benefits in getting a good tan. Keep this in mind as you fish and remember to scout out the darkest, shadiest cover available. Mind you, this is not pretty fishing, nor is it ultra-light tackle territory. The waters you will be exploring undoubtedly give the edge to the bass. Dock pilings, underwater growth and submerged brush will provide ample opportunities for your quarry to tangle, twist and part your line. Choice of tackle should reflect the environment with which you will have to deal. Abrasion resistant lines testing 8 to 15 lbs. will give the angler at least a fighting chance. A quality reel with a smooth working drag system is a must. Conventional or spinning gear may be used although I lean toward conventional myself. A medium tapered rod of 5½ to 6 feet in length should solidify your arsenal.

Due to the nature of the game, the quickest route to success is to employ weedless lures. Large plastic worms crawled slowly through obstructions or weedless spoons tipped with pork rind are the best producers. I favor a nine inch black or purple worm rigged Texas style. Small spinner baits work well in the more open spaces.

Keep in mind that bass in the shallows are extremely wary. Noisy wading or oars slapping against the side of your boat will quickly turn the fish off. Approach as quietly as possible and make each cast count. Don't fret over getting tangled. The ticket to high scores is to send your line deep into the shadows—that's where the fish are! Case in point was a hot July morning three summers ago.

I had been working the waters around the perimeter of an extended backyard patio which jutted some 30 feet or so into the lake. This structure was raised a scant two feet above the surface and the water depth at the deepest point was roughly 2½ feet.

I was flipping a six inch purple jelly worm just a few feet into the shadows—maybe 10 feet under the patio itself. Knowing that the water in the redwood shadows measured barely a foot and was littered with construction debris, I figured it was not worth the effort to cast deep beneath the boards. After five or six unproductive casts, I moved on down the shoreline to cover a small shoal.

The rest is history. In short order another angler pulled his small dinghy adjacent to the structure. He leaned his body over the stern of the craft, nearly touching the water with his hat to increase his casting angle, and shot a jelly worm identical to mine in size and color skipping to the base of the redwood planks. I congratulated myself on not wasting precious time with similar antics when I later noticed that he had managed to snag his Texas style rig. Five minutes later I was staring in disbelief as that "snag" turned out to be a 7 lb. 8 oz. hawg.

Needless to say, that patio now enjoys a thorough workout each time I visit that particular lake. Year after year it produces some of my biggest bass and surprsingly, they all seem to come from the shallow one foot depths.

You'll find a quiet boat helpful when working this type of water, although careful wading can be equally productive. Be aware that these bass are not feeding as much as they are sulking. Buzzing will get

you nowhere. Slow, enticing retrieves are necessary to provoke interest.

Fishing is generally most productive between the hours of 7AM (when fish begin to seek shade) and 10AM. You'll soon discover that bass tend to follow the shade cover around the lake's edge as the sun shifts from morning to afternoon. Thus, the productive side of the lake in the afternoon will be opposite that of morning.

Small structures such as the aforementioned extended patio are most productive, followed by overhanging trees and brush. Even waters with shadows cast upon them by houses, etc., are worth a shot. Believe it or not, I have my greatest success in water less than three feet deep, so don't pass up the skinny stuff.

Many fishermen tend to work the edge of tangles and shaded waters without diving in full scale. They figure, I imagine, that fish in the shade will swim clear of obstruction to take a bait if they are hungry enough. While this may happen on occasion, it is more the exception than the norm. More hook-ups will reward those anglers who risk hanging up and work the deepest, darkest tangles.

Should you accidentally spook a pod of bass and send them scurrying for other cover, move on and return to work the spot again after 15 or 20 minutes have passed. Oftentimes the bass will return if left alone for awhile.

Of course, not all shady-looking places are filled with bass. Mr. Largemouth can be quite selective. Some days the entire shoreline must be worked before the fish are found. Many times, however, several big fish will be found sharing the same patch of shade.

Shady bassin' can be applied to larger waters if a little common sense is used. Frequently, rather than retreat from nourishing coves, bigmouths will seek cool waters deep within shoreline brush or beneath small bridges. This way they don't have such a long commute to the feeding grounds come suppertime. Look for large coves or shallow bays which are removed from any considerable depths and you may find bass in places no deep water fisherman would ever believe.

With an occasional exception, most hits from the shadows will not be nerve wracking. They are more likely to be gentle pickups, so be alert for telltale line twitches. Strike hard and try to get that hawg started your way before he can hang you up. It's an exciting game with more than its share of breaktaking moments as a big bass heads for a dock piling or submerged branch in an attempt to bull free.

So this summer, when you find yourself asking that age-old question, "Where have those dog day bass as they are sulking. Buzzing will get heavier tackle, stalk your prey quietly, and take a look on the shady side, because the "shadow knows!"

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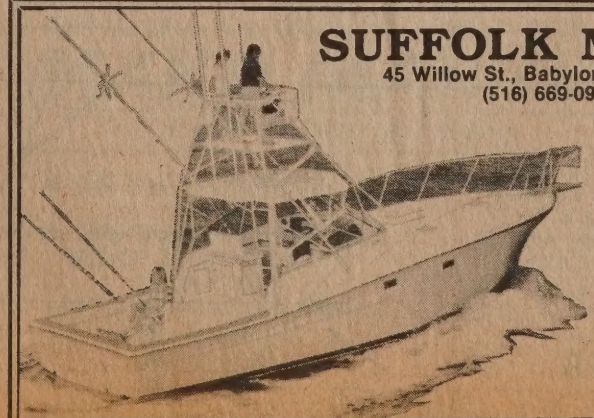

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by D.W. Anthony

Without a doubt the South Shore fall bluefish in the last few years have been great. I hope you have had as much fun with those toothy monsters as I have. We're also very fortunate in this day and age to have high quality equipment: hi-tech rods and reels, the best monofilament lines and a super selection of lures.

Commercial pencil poppers, standard poppers, big-lipped swimmers, needlefish and aerodynamic tins are greedily attacked by these big fish and hold up well to both the teeth of the fish and the power of their fight. It isn't my intention to persuade you to swear off these high quality lures, but rather to add to your fun and enjoyment.

There has been another bluefish plug available for many years. It's called the Rabbit Plug, and it was first developed for use in the surf at Nantucket. These lures are designed to be retrieved at high speed across the surface of the water and blues are hard-pressed to resist attacking them.

In the last year or so I've been impressed by surf fishermen using standard poppers, retrieved at high speed, to seduce blues. Perhaps standard poppers aren't the best lure for a super fast retrieve, especially in rough water. They have a tendency to bite the wave crests which may slow them down. On the other hand, the Rabbit Plug has never found widespread use on Long Island. I began to think about this problem. There is definitely a need for a high-speed retrieve plug, but it has been my experience that the splash at the head of the plug is also very inviting to bluefish. So last winter I set out to make a plug that would combine some of the features of the standard popper with the Rabbit.

I fiddled around with several experiments. Some didn't have good balance, some splashed too much, and some didn't splash enough. Finally, I made a plug that I was satisfied with. When it was finished, I made some tests in the bathtub and then in the backyard pool. It looked good, so I made a few more and prepared to test them on bluefish.

There is an added thrill in fishing if you make your own piece of equipment: just a wee bit more pride and satisfaction. There are very few of us who will put lure manufacturers out of business. We still buy the usual array of commercial products, but we dabble and try to come up with an extra plug here and there to enhance our fishing pleasure.

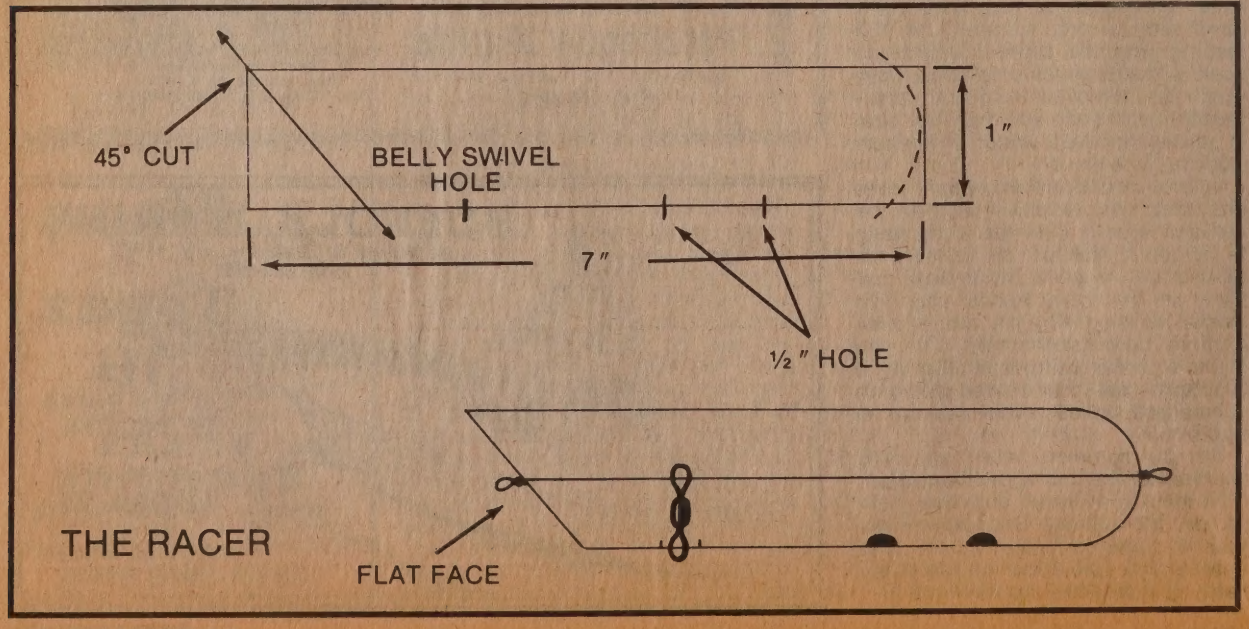
The plug I settled on is seven inches long, one inch in diameter, has a flat-sloped face, and is well-weighted for casting distance. Although I do not believe plug colors are crucial, for blues I decided to paint the plug white with a red head.

Although the blues made a good late September showing, they didn't really take hold until October. I fished standard plugs and bait rigs in the early part of the run, but then the day came when the wind was onshore, the fish were a little off the beach, and standard retrieves were encouraging lethargic strikes. It dawned on me that I had my Racer in the plug bag. Oh yes, that's what I decided to call it: The Racer.

Now remember, I had never used this particular plug before and I wasn't quite sure exactly how to work it. Out she went. It cast very well, slicing through the onshore wind easily. It was clear that I achieved greater distance with this plug than I had with either standard poppers or pencil poppers. Okay, first objective achieved. However, I was not able to get a fish to strike. I experimented with the speed of the retrieve. I knew I designed the plug to be retrieved rapidly across the surface of the water, but there is fast and there is FAST! I found that if I retrieved as fast as I could, the plug would spin and even cartwheel, but if I dropped the retrieve just a bit, it skipped from wave crest to wave crest and every time it hit a wave, it didn't dig, but it did spray a uniform sphere of water ahead of itself. Gee, that looked real good and sure enough, while I was congratulating myself on the retrieve, a big blue charged out of the water from under the plug. He missed! Damn! I maintained the retrieve, but I was too close to the beach. I repeated the cast and concentrated on that nice retrieve.

BAM! There's nothing like the feeling of a 15 or 16 pound blue smashing a surface plug and then taking off for Europe.

As the day progressed, I began to understand the subtleties of the plug.



As a result, the distance of my casts increased, the efficiency of the retrieves improved, and I was taking fish after fish while many of the others on the beach didn't even get a strike. Was this a fluke? No indeed. I used the Racer a number of times after that on a variety of beaches when conditions indicated both distance and speed were needed and each time, I caught more fish than others trying to use standard plugs.

Use one inch diameter dowels. Best plugs are made with birch or maple, but if you want to keep it cheap, use pine. Incidentally, pine is also easier to work with. Make sure the wood is clear; no knots. Cut a seven inch piece of the dowel. Next, cut one end at a 45 degree angle, and round off the other end with a wood rasp; then sandpaper both ends roughly. Using a long 1/8 inch drill on an electric power drill, drill two holes. The first goes through the plug from end to end. Put the plug in a vise and drill slowly and patiently in order to get a straight hole. If you have a drill press, the job is a lot easier. The second hole is drilled two inches from the nose of the plug on the bottom surface. Drill only until you enter the cavity of the lengthwise bore. Now switch drills to a half inch bore and drill two more holes on the bottom surface of the plug, halfway through, spaced one inch apart. The first holes should be drilled one inch from the rear end of the plug and the second an inch in front of that one. Groove the insides of both holes with a knife to hold the lead better. Either pour hot lead into the holes or hammer small pieces of lead into them if you don't have a hot pot. File off the lead to make a smooth surface.

You may have to open the hole behind the head of the plug on the bottom a bit to accommodate the next procedure. Whether or not you will need to do this depends on the style swivel you use. I prefer 100 pound barrel swivels, so I hit that hole lightly with a 1/4 inch drill. Push the swivel in so that the loop at one end is in the upper chamber of the hole. Take 1/8 inch galvanized wire, push in through the plug from end to end so that the wire goes through the loop of the belly swivel. Cut the wire so there is about two extra inches of wire on both ends.

Using powerful pliers, bend the wire around a large nail. Make three or four twists. Do one end, pull the wire loop you made snug to the plug and then repeat on the other end. Make the final few twists tight so that the wire does not move back and forth inside the plug. Cut off excess wire and file the ends smooth.

Dip the plug in linseed oil and let dry. Spray the linseed cured plug with several coats of quality white enamel. Make sure to get the paint dry thoroughly between coats. Then spray the head of the plug with several coats of a deep red. Let the plug dry.

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GEARING UP FOR BLUE CLAWS

by Jim Capossela

Once a simple pastime, crabbing now entails as much gadgetry as you desire. Author of the book "Crabs By The Bushel!," Jim has seen it all.

While travelling up and down the coast to sell a book I wrote on crabbing, I must have hit nearly every tackle shop and marina from Hatteras to Montauk. I spent a great deal of time looking at crabbing gear and, of course, ended up bringing home samples of almost everything. I certainly wouldn't say that high tech has yet invaded the prosaic pastime of crabbing. But one thing I can tell you: the gadget-makers have not been idle! Here is a rundown on the old and new traps—and trappings—you can use to fool the savory blue claw in 1984.

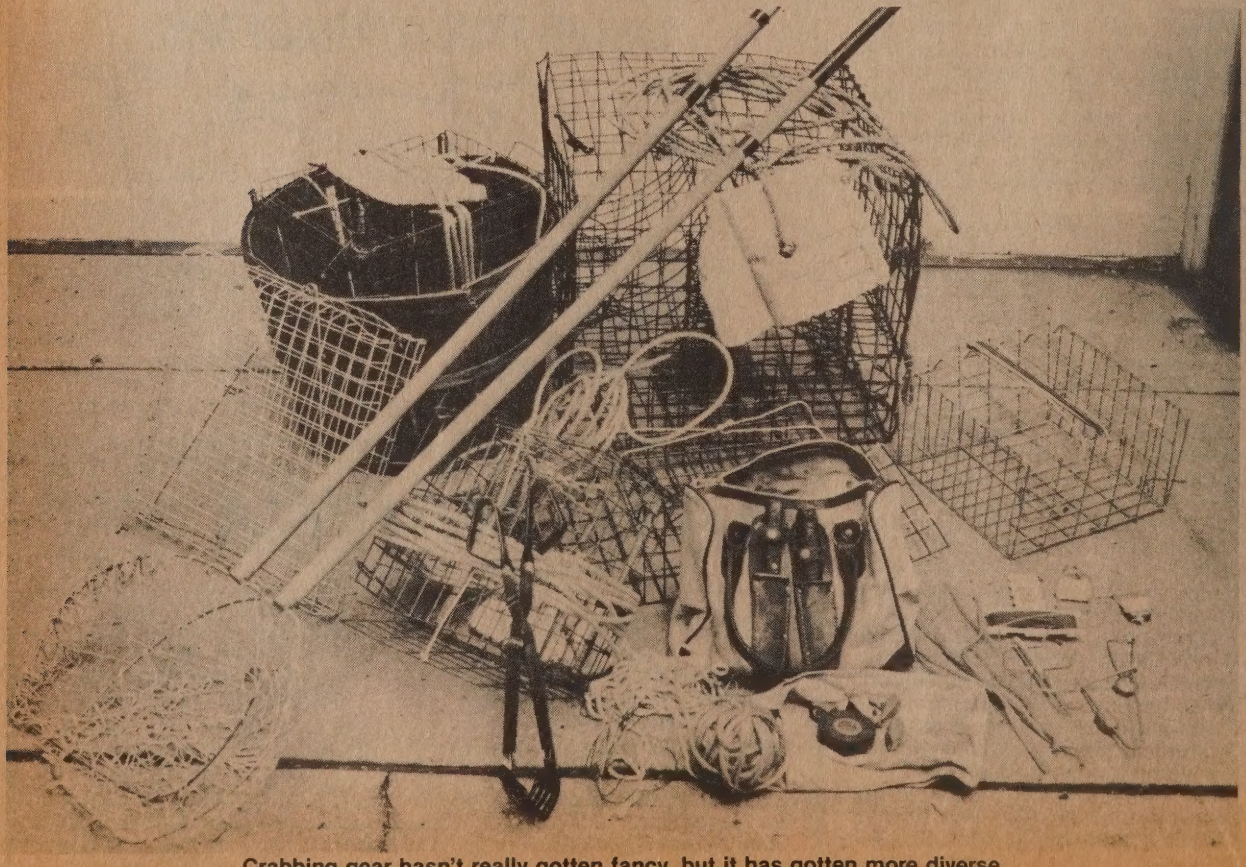
Traps. To the south, handlining is the sport crabbing method of the day. But up north, it's traps. We'll start there.

For years, only two types of traps were used by sportsmen to any degree: the full-sized box trap and the star or pyramid trap. Variously called a cage, net, box net, or basket, the box trap is a six-sided cube roughly 12 inches on a side. As with all true crab traps (as opposed to pots), the crabs can enter or exit freely when the trap is resting on the bottom.

Still the mainstay in many areas, the box trap has several advantages. First, it is rugged and dependable, and if it is rigged properly, its doors will usually close smoothly. And, since it has four doors, crabs can enter from any direction. It also poses a few disadvantages. For one, it offers considerable water resistance and so is apt to be bowled over in strong currents. Second, it cannot be folded flat, so it is difficult to store and transport. Also, the purchaser usually has to assemble a box trap himself.

The star trap, on the other hand, folds flat for easy storage and also **lies** flat on the bottom so it is not likely to be tumbled by the tides. Advocates of this design also believe it is less likely to scare crabs since no sides project upwards. However, star traps never seemed to operate as smoothly for me during the relatively few trips I tried them. It is possible that I never really gave them a fair try.

Over the past few years, several companies have introduced a low-profile box trap, essentially just a cut-down version of the standard box trap. It has roughly the same bottom dimensions, 12x12, but stands only about seven inches high. These low-profile traps gained instant accep-



Crabbing gear hasn't really gotten fancy, but it has gotten more diverse.

tance by crabbers, and there are good reasons. First, the shorter doors close more quickly and this lessens the incidence of crabs escaping at the moment the cord is tightened. Second, it definitely is less prone to being knocked over by the current. In addition, it takes up only a little more than half the space of a full-sized box trap. I have used low-profile traps for a number of years, and I am converted to them. The main benefit, to my mind, is that they are a good deal less prone to being knocked over by the tide. Here, though, I should mention a modification I make even to these lower traps. To the bottom of each trap I wire on two pieces of steel concrete reinforcing rod, one piece on each side. This brings the trap down faster, anchors it better in the current, and thus better ensures that the trap will land squarely with all doors open correctly.

Some of the latest low-profile traps offer interesting new ideas. One of these is made by Watter's Edge Nautical Products, 111 Brentwood Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ. This shorty trap has only two doors instead of the customary four, but its main innovation is the top which bends downward on two sides. According to Bud Watters, the manufacturer, this bent top provides rigidity and also cantilevers the doors so they open more easily. I have not tested this trap, but the thinking is sound. One of the biggest problems with crab traps has always been doors not opening properly, or fully, or all doors opening. In addition, these traps come with a built-in bait holder and they are pre-assembled. This latter advantage is a very big one for those many crabbers who lack the time or inclination to put together their own traps. Writer to Watter's Edge for the names of tackle shops in your area where they can be purchased.

One other low-profile trap comes with a design feature that caught my eye recently: a wide rubber band, with clips, that stretches across the top to hold the trap's two doors firmly shut. Anyone who has spent time "twirling" full-sized box traps to close up the doors will right away appreciate this feature. This trap also features a built-in bait holder—a safety-pin type clip as used for handlining. The manufacturer is Great Bay Products, P.O. Box 296, Tuckerton, New Jersey 08087.

A totally new type of crab trap has recently been introduced by the Cuba Specialty Mfg. Co., makers of perhaps the best star traps on the market. Their new trap is called the "Crab Napper" and it is revolutionary in design. It has no doors at all, per se. Rather, its two sides simply snap together aided by spring tension. When closed, this pancake-like trap measures about 16 by 16 inches only about 3 inches high. I have not tested this trap, but you can write to the manufacturer for more info and for where to obtain: Cuba Specialty,

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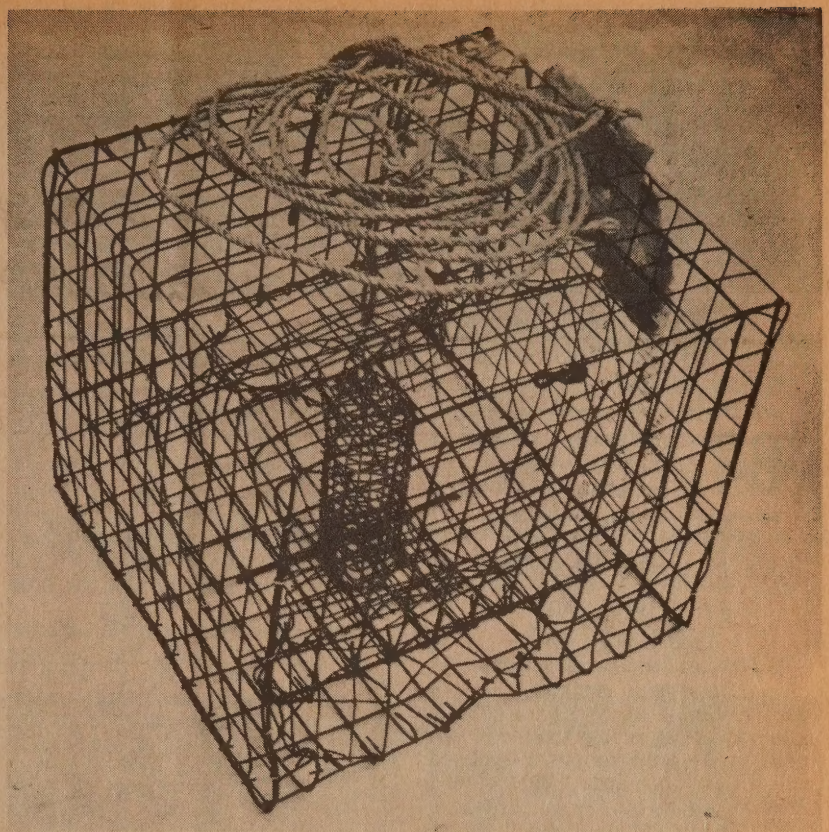
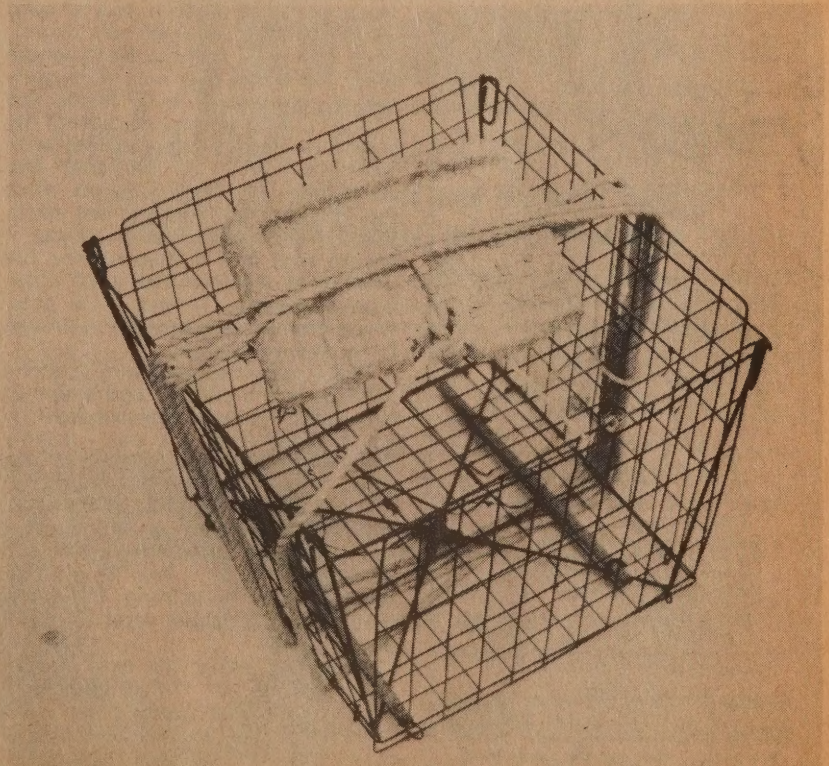


This Chesapeake style trap permits crabs to enter, but leaves no means of escape. Used primarily by commercial crabbers on the Chesapeake, there are now several scaled-down models available to sport crabbers.



The standard 12 inch cubed box trap. Notice that the author has wired in reinforcing rod to the bottom of the trap to stabilize it in strong currents. He favors flat pieces of styrofoam to the clumsier bleach bottles most crabbers use.

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Pots. A pot differs from a trap primarily in that the crabs can get in, but cannot get out (or to be more precise, can get in but **usually** do not get back out). Thus pots may be checked once or twice a day while traps need to be checked every 10 to 20 minutes. Although there are other commercial methods, such as dredging, scraping, and trotlining, potting is now the most prevalent for-profit method.

Can sport crabbers use pots to catch more blue claws? The answer is a definite yes.

On the Chesapeake, site of the world's largest commercial crab fishery, the basic pot measures 2 feet by 2 feet by 21 inches high. However, there are several important variables, and it is these that prompt so much of the stove-side debate among watermen at Smith Island, Crisfield, Deal Island and any place where the blue claw is king.

Perhaps the most obvious variable is size. I have used the full-size commercial pots as well as some of the many scaled down pots made specifically for the sport crabbing market. My opinion is that the smaller ones do not work as well. It seems logical to me to use the pots the commercial men use—if there was something better, they'd be using it.

In recent years, manufacturers have introduced pots with a vinyl coating fused to them. This is to protect against saltwater corrosion. (some pros also tar their pots to ward off corrosion.) Although my experience with pots has not been extensive, I have had poor luck with vinyl-coated pots both on Long Island and on the Hudson where I do most of my crabbing. Recent conversations with commercial men on Barnegat Bay corroborate my findings: that while the vinyl coated pots do last much longer, they catch fewer crabs. I should note that it may not be the vinyl itself, but the additional thickness it creates. Thinner wire pots, while less durable, have been proven to catch more crabs.

There are other variables, and one of these is the number and shape of "funnels"—the entrance-ways by which crabs enter the pot. Usuallly there are two, three or four, but four seems to be a little more popular than the other two. Actually, commercial crabbers seem more concerned about the shape of the funnels than the number of them. This nitpicking, though, isn't something the sport crabber will probably want to worry about.

One other thing: the type of wire used in the pot. Most commonly employed is the familiar six-sided "chicken wire" (in reality, crab pot wire resembles chicken wire, but is much more durable). Some professional crabbers tell me that this standard chicken wire out-crabs the rectangular (and often much thicker!) "turkey wire" that predominates on "sport crabbing pots."

My advice is that you stick to the same pots professionals use. Kits for making your own can be obtained, and one source is Crab Pot Kits, Rt. 2, Box 353A, King George, VA 22485.

Handlines. There's little doubt that handlining is the best fun crabbing has to offer! It is still more popular down south than up here, and that is explained by the fact that because it is less efficient, it is most feasible in waters where crabs are very abundant. Nonetheless, you can toss out your traps and have fun tending handlines between pulls.

The technique, as well as the equipment, is simplicity itself. Attach, somehow, a hunk of meat or fish to the end of a strong piece of string, add a bit of weight to keep the bait down, then toss the whole thing just out beyond the eel grass (remembering to first tie the loose end to a stream bank stick or rock). When the line starts moving to and fro, you have a crab on. If no motion is evident, pick up the line every so often and carefully feel for vibrations. All you do then is slowly retrieve the line and net the crab when he's two inches closer than the length of your scap net.

Most of the "equipment" made for handlining revolves around terminal rigs. I have seen five or six different but similar types, and all feature some sort of safety pin-type clip for securing a piece of bait. Most also include some type of weight either clamped on or otherwise attached. Usually a weight of 1/2 to 2 ounces is about right. Unusually strong currents may dictate more. Some of these handline rigs also provide a means of storing the actual line between trips.

Like many, many crabbers I devise my own handline rigs. But since it is time-wasting to rig up new handlines on each excursion, I now maintain permanent ones. I make up my own killy ring (really just a piece of wire bent into a circle) and attach each one to a standard fishing dropline. I tote an assortment of bank sinkers and loop onto the killy ring as light a one as I can possibly get away with for the conditions. How long a line you will need will, of course, depend on where you crab. Rarely will it ever have to be more than 30 feet.

Scap nets. I've been looked at funny for calling a "scap net" a "scoop net" or vice versa. But however the guys in your neck of the woods "handle" this long-handled net, it is essential—as an accessory in two methods, and as a method unto itself.

For handlining, just described, I prefer a six foot wooden handled scap net with a 12 inch hoop and as fine a mesh as possible. Watermen who run trotlines nearly all seem to prefer a 10 or 12 foot net with a conical wire-mesh bag. Professionals must move quickly and stiff wire mesh prevents crabs from tangling. Very few northern sport crabbers run trotlines, but if you ever decide to give it a go, you'll see the beauty of these no-tangle wire nets.

"Scapping" crabs is a dandy crabbing method itself, the simplest one of all. All else you need is a bushel to store your crabs, and a light if you go after dark.

There are several ways and places to scap crabs. In the daytime, having a long scap net can mean a few dozen or more extra blue claws at day's end. You'll spy them creeping along on the bottom near shore, attached to piers and bridge abutments, even lying motionless in the mud. At night, you'll often see crabs swimming freely along the top.

So what type of net do you need for scapping? I recommend a 12 footer, and because of the length, aluminum not wood. In some places, 16 feet may even be necessary, as when you're scapping off a high bridge. Still, how do you transport these clunkers? Many crabbers make their own scap nets, ones that can be broken down into sections. If anyone knows of the source of a pre-manufactured collapsible crabbing scap net 12 feet or longer, I would appreciate hearing about it.

Miscellaneous gear. An interesting and worthwhile crabbing adjunct is one I recently came across in a New Jersey tackle shop. It is a nylon mesh bag some 7 inches long and expandable to accept a handful of very soft crab bait. Such soft bait—innards and the like—may be all you find yourself with at some time. You could not possibly fasten such soft matter to the crab trap without this mesh bag or something similar.

I use a very un-fancy little tote bag to carry the several other small items a crabber needs: a long-bladed (but cheap) sheath knife, one stout enough and strong enough to bull through half frozen fish: a ball of string; sinkers to weight handlines; and a pair of wire cutters. Other goodies might include insect repellent—in some places absolutely essential; brass split rings to refasten crab trap doors; and extra 1/8 inch mason cord, recommended for the rigging of a trap's doors. For the running line, I use quarter-inch floating polypropylene.

Storage vessels. During the day, keep your crabs in a bushel basket out of the sun and if possible, partially submerged. Throw a dripping wet piece of burlap over the crabs and keep the burlap wet by dunking it every so often. If the day is exceptionally hot, throw cracked ice on top of the crabs. Or, put the crabs in a larger cooler and add some ice. **Do not** store crabs in a bucket or cooler full of water, as oxygen depletion would quickly kill them.

Just recently, I saw a pot-like device for storing crabs. It is just a rectangular turkey-wire box with a trap door. This vessel allows you to totally submerge your crabs during the day, virtually eliminating any problem of dead crabs. It is called the "Crab Keeper" and is available from Watter's Edge, mentioned earlier in this article.

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A 540 LB. MAKO SHARK IS THE NEW JERSEY STATE RECORD FOR THESE FISH AND WAS CAUGHT BY KEVIN SHEPPARD OF TOMS RIVER FISHING 40 MILES EAST OF MANASQUAN INLET ON WHOLE MACKEREL BAIT 40 FT. DOWN.

A 1 LB. 6 OZ. WHITE SUCKER FROM DIETZ'S POND IN ORANGE COUNTY SET THE FIRST NEW YORK STATE RECORD FOR THIS SPECIES. IT WAS CAUGHT ON WORM BAIT BY JAMES A. BEEMER.

A 5 LB. 7 OZ. PICKEREL IS A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR THESE FISH ON 8 LB. LINE. IT WAS CAUGHT BY WILLIAM B. HOPKINS FISHING WOOD RIVER-WYOMING POND, RHODE ISLAND.

A 10 LB. 7 OZ. FLUKE CAUGHT BY ALBERTA CONESKY OFF ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY WAS A WINNER IN THE WORLD WIDE I.G.F.A. FISHING CONTEST.

A 9 LB. SEA BASS CAUGHT BY SALVATORE VICARI OFF NEW GROUNDS, MONTAUK, N.Y. IS A NEW ALL TACKLE AND 20 LB. LINE WORLD RECORD FOR THESE POPULAR FISH.

A 10 LB. 1 OZ. LARGEMOUTH BASS CAUGHT ON A "JIG 'N EEL" BY RANDOLPH KEMPAIN IN QUADDICK RESERVOIR WON A CONNECTICUT STATE FISHING AWARD.

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Reports of large schools of tackle buster bluefish at Cartwright came in over the weekend. Porgy fishing remains very strong, with some fish over 4 lbs. Fluking is very good, with larger fish and less shorts. Summer weakfish have been reported in the Peconics with snappers and blue claw crabs starting. Offshore, blue and white marlin, swordfish, tremendous amounts of tuna. Looks like it's time to forget the weather and get out to the fish!

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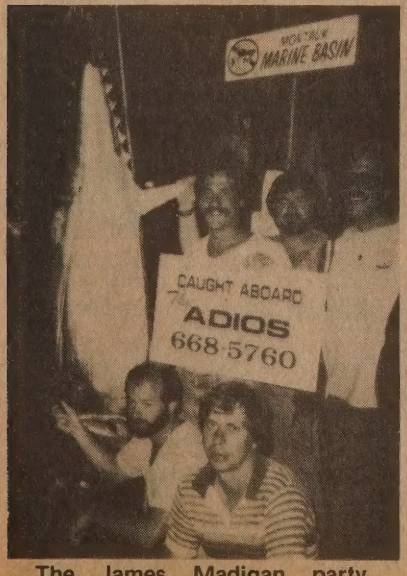
Bill and Cheryl Murphy moved around a lot to stay in running waters in the inner Shagwong area to find a total of 52 fluke on Thursday and Friday. Henry of **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** claims that fluke are getting larger, averaging 3½ lbs. with many in the 4 lb. range. The Murphys used fresh caught snappers with squid strips for their fine catch. The larger Uihlein rental boats are coming in with good porgy catches, fishing near the Lighthouse.

An extraordinary number of fine fish were brought into the **Star Island Yacht Club** over the weekend. A 519 lb. blue marlin took a trolled mackerel daisy chain on the tuna grounds on Friday night. Angler Pete Pisciotto



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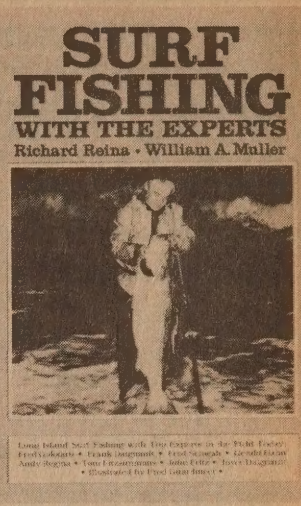

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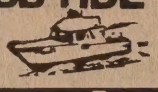

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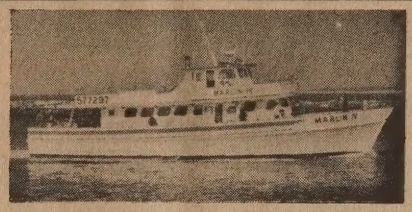
fought the marlin for 1 hr. 45 min. before it was brought to gaff by Capt. Ed Grant on his boat, Salmar. On a canyon trip on Saturday night, Bob Nankervis found that swordfish will take green machine lures. The fish weighing 418 lbs., was taken on the boat, Bit of Heaven. Bob Brown caught 5 big eye tuna, albacore and yellowfin and a 240 lb. mako on Diamond Girl over the weekend. Joseph Lipani boated an 89 lb. white marlin in the Nancy Ann. Aaron Fuchs remarked that the offshore waters are alive with bigeye, yellowfin, albacore and bluefin tuna!

The overall winner in the Annual Shark Tag Tournament held over the weekend at the **Montauk Marine Basin** was Alex Nicoles of Old Brookville, N.Y. with a 195 lb. blue shark caught on his boat, Symbol. The heaviest mako, 169 lbs., was caught on the Jolly Roger by Joe Olivia. Karen Chalson won the women's division trophy with a 97 lb. mako on the Nikara, while her daughter, Nicole captured the junior girl's trophy with a mako of 83 lbs. The pee-wee trophy went to 4-year-old Jimbo George who caught an 87 lb. mako on Craps III. Most fish tagged and released on Jack Blaisdell's boat, the Finest Kind. Jack also won the Walter Haab Memorial Award for the most unusual shark: a 172 lb. hammerhead.

A white marlin of 97 lbs. , caught by 16-year-old Mara Babbitz on the Reel Nuts and one of 87 lb. caught on the Shooter were also brought into **Montauk Marine Basin** over the weekend. Several big eye tuna were taken on the Hustler III in the canyon this week. Giant tuna seemed to have been scarce this week; however, Captain Greg Beacher boated a 605 lb. giant on the **Dawn**, while Captain Paul Stern caught one of 618 lbs. on the **Tuna Tangler.**

Ron Contina and his crew from Commack, NY fished Great Eastern, leaving from **Gone Fishing Marina** on Saturday. Using clam chum and clam bait, they returned with over 120 large porgies and a blackfish of 8 lbs. Peter Van Brederode and Matt Genovese returned on their boat, the Grey Lady, with 2 yellowfin tuna and an 80 lb. white marlin.

Captain Bob Sztork told me that



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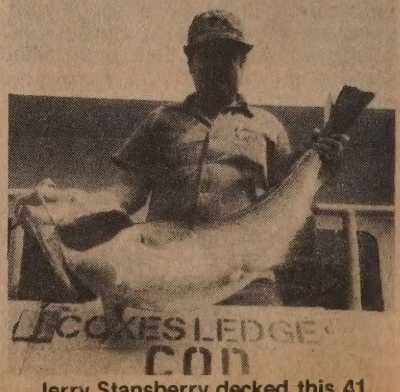

Jerry Stansberry decked this 41 pound cod on a recent trip to Coxes Ledge aboard the "Viking Starship."

striped bass catches have increased since the full moon, reporting several fish, the heaviest 46 lbs., on the charter boat **Caprice**. The most recent charter, with Eric and Bernie Shultz, resulted in bass to 33 lbs. fishing Great Eastern.

This week I tried to perfect my porgy techniques fishing both on the **Windy** and the **Alyssa Ann**. Tuesday's trip on the **Windy** with Capt. Jack Passie and friends Gregg Maynard and Mike Ryan resulted in approximately 120 porgies to 3½ lbs. in weight, with side catches of sea bass and blackfish. On Sunday, the fish seemed to have gotten larger. Rudy Monterroso, Peter Perez and I caught porgies to over 4 lbs., with Capt. Bill Ricca on the Alyssa Ann. In both cases, we fished Great Easter, chummed heavily with clam chum, baited with clam. Both the **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** are fishing this area, with apparent good results.

Captain Ron Grandinetti fished Great Eastern and the south side with his charters on the **Julie III** this weekend. On a charter led by Brian Williams of Tappen, N.J., 367 porgies from 1 to 3½ lbs. were caught with 22 sea bass, while on Sunday, Tyrone Lewis and friends from Brooklyn, too home 417 porgies from 1 to 3 lbs. with 46 sea bass to 3½ lbs.

Captain Gene Kelly needs only to travel 2½ hours from the dock on the **Kellyboat** to find schools of tuna. He is averaging five 40 to 60 lb. yellowfin and albacore per trip, trolling lures.

On Saturday, a 50 lb. longfin tuna was caught by 12 year old Tommy Gazarda, while fishing with Lou Gazarda and friends on the **King Wayne**. On Sunday a group from Schenk's Dairy fished yellowfin before and after sharking. Captain Wayne reported that both yellowfin and longfin tuna are now within easy range of Montauk with fair catches daily.

Captain Steve Mauss reports great porgies on the **Kraken II**. He can be reached in the evenings for charter information.

Captain Mike Albronde has located longfin and yellowfin tuna approximately 20 32 miles of the Point on the **Montauk**. Friday's charter boated 6 albacore in the 40-62 lb. range with a charter led by Bruce Burgess. On Saturday Andrew Sala and friends loaded up with the alligator blues they could handle—fish in the 15 lb. range, fishing Cartwright. The fish were taken trolling, jigging, and on bait. Sunday's charter fished south of Block Island, where Vernon Clifford and party boated 83 codfish to 15 lbs. Captain Mike remarked on the large amount of very small (6-8 in.) codfish schooled in the area, suggesting very good codfishing in the future.

Captain Joe McBride fished both inshore and offshore this week on the **My Mate**, with two half-day bluefish trips producing very well southwest of the Point. Later in the week, combination offshore and bluefish trips found blues further to the east

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and on the Cartwright grounds, with blues averaging 8 to 15 lbs., although the largest was 18 lbs. Captain McBride remarked that he found the blues on top early in the day. Sharks were a little slow this week; however, tuna have come close within reach of the charter boats. There are a few available dates on the **My Mate**. See ad for details.

Captain Jerry McGrath fished Ricca's Rip for 43 fluke to 5 lbs. on the **Nostalgia II** with Chris Guthrie, Wayne Viviano, Ed Vrathwaite and Howie Kelly. Ed also caught a weakfish, his first ever: 9½ lbs. On a trip earlier in the week, George Hodum loaded up on porgies.

The **Adios** reports offshore fishing picky this past week, partly due to bad weather conditions. However, on a very windy Wednesday, Mike Holmes and his friend Steve from Brooklyn, fought and released a dusky shark for 2 hours. The fish was estimated at about 350 lbs. Captain Lewis reports bluefishing good and getting better. Mike Forresta connected with many large blues on one trip, while Joe Caracciolo and his 6-year-old son, Joe, caught blues on a half day trip.

Captain Bill Ricca fished fluke at Gardiner's Island with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chapman and the Polanishes on the outgoing tide. The anglers used mako shark skin to entice 20 keepers to the **Alyssa Ann.** Captain Bill remarked that there were many shorts. More fluke were caught at Gin Beach, the largest 4 lbs. on the way home. Saturday's charter combined weakfish and fluke, producing a few weaks to 8½ lbs., and over four dozen fluke to 5 lbs. This time the key was fluke bellies.

SOUTH FORK

Fluking remains excellent on the **Wilhelric**, fishing Gardiners Island. Twelve fish per man is average with a few really big fish taken each day. Jerry Petrillo of Huntington won the pool Sunday with a doormat of 11¾ pounds. It is definitely **porgy time**. Porgy fishing is red hot with most days averaging 50-75 fish per angler. However on Sunday an estimated 5,000 porgies were caught. Frances Rodriguez of the Bronx caught 105, Bruce Leggard of the Bronx hooked 178, Nancy Salley of Queens caught 161, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Delaulle teamed up for a total of 326 porgies. All porgie fishing took place on the north side of Plum Island.

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle**, in **Sag Harbor** lamented the fact that the tagged bluefish was not caught, despite valliant efforts on the part of many anglers. Danny Herman of Sag Harbor trolled in Cherry Harbor to take over 75 bluefish in the 3-5 pound range. Porgies remain steady near the Sag Harobr breakwaters. Fluke seemed to be entrenched at the Ruins at Gardiners Island. However, a good showing of

fluke appeared just northwest of Sag Harbor over the weekend at Mashomack Point, with ¾ of the fish keepers. Snappers, most very small, have finally shown up. Chris remarked from present that this looks like a good year for blue claw crabs.

Ismael Santiago and his two friends braved the rain Saturday to return to **Noyac Marina** with over 75 porgies and a few school weaks fishing in the Jessups area on a rental skiff. "Zack" and his friends in also found several 2-3 pound weakfish along with porgies and eels on Sunday. Bill Fales weighed a 5½ pound fluke. Helen Jacobsen remarked that lots of bluefish are still around.

Thom Speckenback of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** suggested fishing deeper water for larger fluke at Gardner's since more short sized fish have been caught near the beach this week. Fluking remains steady in Shinnecock Bay, both in the east and west channels. Thom suggested fishing porgies off the block house at Eastern Plains Point at Gardners or closer to home at Cedar Point. Summer weakfish taken in quantity in a 58' hole off Nassau Point at Middle Grunds in Peconic Bay. Drifting squid srips did the trick. Several trigger fish were brought into Speck's over the weekend. Thom suggests filletting these tasty fish from the tail toward the head; remove the lateral line bones (you'll get 4 pices of meat per fish) skin, but don't wash off the fillet. Thom suggests broiling triggerfish, using salt, butter and ground pepper as the only seasonings.

Capt. Gene Holland took advantage of Sunday's fine weather to fish the canyon on the **Scoundrel**, where his anglers boated all the longfin albacore they wanted. In addition two bigeye tuna were brought to gaff—one of 250 and the other of 200 pounds.

Saturday's rain apparently was an onshore condition, since Capt. Fred found fair weather, fishing in 180' of water south of Shinnecock Inlet. Dick Thornton handed an antique bamboo rod to his friend Jim just as a mako shark, later weighed in at 161½ pounds, hit the bait. The rod broke, however, the shark was brought to gaff on the remaining ⅓ jagged portion of bamboo. Capt. Fred reports lots of life in the ocean off Shinnecock; whales, school tuna from 150 feet and deeper, with blues from the beach to 120 feet. (Bluefish in the 14-18 pound range).

Larger fluke seemed to have moved into the Hampton Bays, as evidenced by the reports given by Jay at **Corr's Fishing Station**. On Tuesday, Raymond Tartarka and his father caught a mess of fluke, with Raymond catching a large bluefish as well. Chet Kocinski fished the incoming tide both on Tuesday and Friday averaging over 20 fluke each day with side catches of flounder. On Saturday, Joe Tursi fished the east channel where he fould a 4½ pound fluke. Twelve year old Ross Nathan found his doormat—a 7 pound, 8 ounce fluke, fishing with squid and spearing near the Ponquogue Bridge. The fluke has been entered in the Fisherman's annual contest. George Costa, who only keeps large fluke, had eight keepers all over 5 pounds on Sunday. George returned over 100 "small" fluke. All were caught near the Ponquogue Bridge using a bucktail-squid combo. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Appey persevered in their quest for flounder. Offshore, Larry Burnsby boated 3 yellowfin tuna in the 60-70 pound range on his boat Songbird, while Lou Menecal caught a 60 pound yellowfin on the Alimai.

This fine fluke score was racked up by Mike Mattei, John Fernandez and Tommy Vitale during a trip out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

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South Shore REPORT
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Fluke fishing continued to provide some pleasant surprises, particularly in the Great South Bay area. Good numbers of 2-4 pound fluke showed up in catches all week long. Offshore action short of the canyons provided some bright spots with good numbers of bluefin and yellowfin tuna in depths ranging from 120-150' of water. Bluefish provided some good action for boatmen however there has been no real set pattern to this fishing. Snappers and crabs are now at all docks but both are still on the small side.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

From **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich said that the fluke fishing remains good on the last three hours of the flood and the first of the outgoing. Action has been between buoys 36 and 39 and Gary recommended working the deep water along channel edges for bigger fish in the 2-4 pound range. Largest fluke on Sunday was a 4½ pounder taken by Michelle Renz. There are still very good flounder in the deep water around buoy 35 and catches of a

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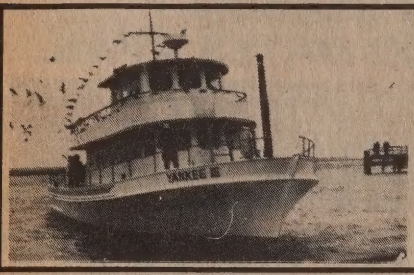

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Over at **Hi Way Fishing Station** Helen told of good fluking at the Elbow. She was more impressed however with the quality of the flounder fishing still available. One boat on Sunday returned from the buoy 29 and 30 area with 175 flatties.

The charter boat **Lady Barbara** reported good catches of medium size blues on both Saturday and Sunday. They were taken trolling in 80' of water south of Bellport.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that both snappers and crabs are being taken at all the local docks. Many of the snappers are still very small but each week sees a noticable improvement in the size of the fish. To spice the dock action a few fluke are being caught also. Live killies and snappers are accounting for the fluke. A couple of small weaks were taken on live snappers one evening last week from the Blue Point Dock. Lots of fluke out in the bay with the better size fish being taken in deep water. Small blues continue to bounce in and out of Fire Island Inlet with bigger fish offshore. On the freshwater scene, some very good action with bass and pickerel after dark on surface lures. Trout fishing has slowed locally.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** spoke of a very good spread of fluke throughout the bay. Most boatmen have been working from the Lighthouse to Ocean Beach. The private boat Pintail took 48 fluke of which ½ were keepers one day during the week. Steve and Carol Brooks had 12 keepers to 4½ pounds on killie and squid at the Lighthouse on Thursday. Helen McCormick had a 4½ pound fluke at buoy 15 the same day. There was a showing of blowfish in Dickerson's Channel this week. Use squid or worms. Offshore there were plenty of yellowfins south of Moriches Inlet in 120-140' of water. A couple of big makos were taken in the vicinity of the NA buoy. Canyon fishing was a big disappointment with many boats returning with empty fish boxes. Connetquot State Park produced a 23½ inch, 4 pound rainbow trout for Fred Reinert on Tuesday.

Mike Cioffi of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** noted an improvement in the size of the fluke, particularly in the lighthouse area. Some 4-6 pound weakfish being taken in the same area. Lots of tuna reported seen but not caught in 140-150' of water SE of the inlet. The boat 4 Jays returned to the dock on Sunday with 315 pound mako taken SE of Fire Island.

Some pretty good fluking going on according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. Mike Pollini and his crew fished Snake Hill

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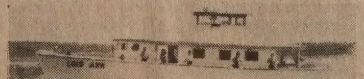

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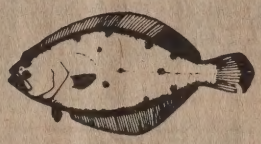

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Channel and returned with 25 keepers to 4½ pounds. A good number of 4-4½ pound fish coming from the Kismet area. Flood tide has been best but fish are also being taken at the turn of the tide. Some weakfish along South Beach on sandworms and jellyworms. Small blues at the inlet and WR buoy on umbrella rigs. Offshore blues are hit and miss. The private boat Albatross had a 400 pound tiger shark on Saturday and a 200 pounder on Sunday. They also reported sighting a white shark estimated at 700-1000 pounds. They were fishing 1 mile south of the NA buoy. Lots of bluefin and yellowfin tuna on the surface SE of the inlet in 120' of water. The canyon was real quiet this weekend according to Carl. Snappers are at the docks and crabs are getting started.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** told of excellent fluking all week. A good showing of nice size fish mixing with the many smaller fish already in the bay. New leader in the boat's Fishing For Life contest is Tony Ristoli with a 6.13 pounder.

Capt. Carl Passaro, former skipper of the Jib VI, has announced that he is now the owner/skipper of the former open boat, Capt. Ben Litwin. Ben, who has run the Capt. Litwin out of Captree since 1961 is retiring after nearly half a century of being in the business. He has enjoyed a long and successful career and everyone here at the Fisherman wishes him well. Under Carl, the boat will become the **Miss Captree** with its first sailing scheduled for Saturday, July 28th.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** said that fluke fishing remains consistently good with some excellent catches mixed in. Both the size of the fish as well as the keeper ratio is up with good numbers of 2-4 pound fluke making up the catches. The fish are being taken on both tides though the flood remains the best. Gordon has been working West Island, East Channel and the Inlet area with the final choice depending on wind and tide conditions. Sunday's late trip was one of the best trips of the year with over 200 keepers coming aboard. Night blues improved but still hot and cold. Three out of four nights this week provided good to excellent action on the Patchogue Grounds. Fish are mixed in size from 5-15 pounds.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** said that fluking has been very good on most days with some good sized fish mixing into the catches. Best action has been on the flood tide from the Inlet to Ocean Beach. Bluefishing ranges from poor to excellent with most nights providing good action.

Capt. John Cuzzo of the **Captree** charter boat **Afterglo** reported that while the Hank Schwartz party took no fish on Saturday's trip, they did see plenty of life in the form of 50-60 pound tuna cavorting on the surface.

Three fish were hooked but dropped during the day. Scene of all the life was 20 miles due south of the inlet.

Fred Austin over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** said that weakfishing at the inlet remained good for boatmen drifting worms. Fred remarked that there have been quite a few 3-4 pound fluke checked in at the shop this week. Outside the inlet the B.C.A. charter boat **Chums** found a load of big blues to 15 pounds near the Patchogue Grounds on Sunday. The charter boat **Lucky Wolf** returned from 160' of water with 4 yellowfin tuna and a story about a mako which was dropped at the boat after grabbing the trolled Green Machine. On Sunday, George Burns aboard his Laurel B whipped a 150 pound bluefin before having four 50 pound outfits stripped clean. That brought an abrupt end to their fishing. Scene of the action was 140' of water SE of the inlet. Twenty to thirty pound bluefins were reported as close as 85' of water south of Patchogue. A few bigeyes were taken at the Canyon but most boats that made the trek came up empty.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Bill Kurdt and Bruce Thole showed Mike Andreani a load of blues taken on umbrella rigs at the Patchogue Grounds. This was on Saturday. Same day, John Obedzinski and Tony Gambino put 15 fluke to 4 pounds into the cockpit of their Barbara Lynn. On Sunday, Anthony Colonna worked the R.M. Bridge area to the tune of 18 fluke in the 2-3 pound class and a 6½ pound weakfish.

Capt. Lenny of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** reported find ing a fair pick of 4-5 pound blues on jigs both Saturday and Sunday. He fished SW of the inlet in 70' of water.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported the first billfish of the season for the Squaw Island Fishing Club. The 70 pound white marlin was taken by Bill Wenzel aboard his Traveler while sharking over the Oregon. Saturday, Bill Miller of the Gannet found a 150 pound bigeye north of the Compass Rose. The day before, Pete Weber on his Misty II reported a 450 pound tiger shark along with 3 brown shark. Rick Imbert christened his new 45' Post, the Entreped, with 4 yellowfins to 60 pounds. And yes, the Moloto Family is still catching weakfish. Mario and his wife had 4 to 10 pounds on Friday using sandworms and Creme earth worms. Ralph managed two 7 pound weaks himself on Jellyworms. This was at the Inlet on Thursday. Dr. John DeCica caught his first mako on Sunday. It weighed in a 110 pounds. Fluking was very good much of the week with a good showing of 3-5 pound fish taken at the Sore Thumb Pocket on fluke bellies. Snappers are at Tanner Park and some crabs are around.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** spoke of snappers and some crabs at Tanner Park. He was also enthused about the improved size of the fluke being taken. Al

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and Doris Dionisio kept 12 of 20 taken at the inlet on Saturday. They used spearing and squid combos. Bob reminded about the shop's Fluke and Bluefish Contest. Stop by for details.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank told of blues in Fire Island Inlet and in the bay as far as Dickerson Channel. Brian Penta trolled blues to 10 pounds outside the inlet on red and green tubes. Frank spoke of good numbers of 2-4 pound fluke being taken on the NW corner of the Robert Moses Bridge. On the offshore scene, one boat reported 3 white marlin taken on rigged squid SE of the HA buoy. They had a few albacore as well as yellowfin tuna as well.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

The picture in this area has not changed drastically from last week with the exception of a strong initial showing of yellowfin tuna in about 130 feet off water off the area's south beaches. Loads of luke continue to swarm through the inlets and back waters with a huge preponderance being shorties which have to go back. Flounder are a hot item in the deep holes and sharpies are scoring on a few stripers and weakfish mostly under the stars. Bluefishing has been running from good to excellent on day and night trips from the area's main ports. And so she goes.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Fluking continued good all week reported the skipper of the **Chinco III** with lots of shorts plus a decent number of keepers also. High hook for the week was George Thompson with 21 nice keepers. Killies and fluke belly scored best. pool fluke are running 4 lbs. and up. The Wantagh area and the waters behind Merrick were the week's hotspots.

John at **Pop's Fishing Station** also told of lots of fluke action with ple4nty of throwbacks and sufficient keepers to keep people happy. Best areas are east and west sides of the Wantagh bridges from the first to the third brdige. The fish are spitting up grass shrimp. Best bait this week has been killy squid combos fished two hours on each side of the high. Bay blues and som ebccs are starting.

From **Wanser's Tackle** we learned the hotspots of his customers were the 3rd Wantagh on the west side. Lots of shorts however. A 27½ lb. striped

bass fell to a sandworm fished on the botom at the 3red Wantagh Saturday by Charlie Hudek of Patchogue.

From **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore Scott told of several of his customers that have beenworking Swift Creek for fluke along with the inlet. Plenty of midgets with customers putting away enough keepers to keep them going. Flood tide has been best on killie squid combos.

out of Freeport Capt. Mike Miller of the charter boat **Apus II** described the sharking as only fair but that the good news was the abundance of tuna close in. Mike had several bluefin tuna in the 35 lb. range and yellowfin tuna up to 100 lbs. fishing SE of Jones in 130 feet of water. Mike said the hot lure was the Striker Mean Machine. Mike also felt that September is going to be a hot tuna month.

Sunday aboard the **Miss Freeport II** 8½ yr. old Kathy Wetter and dad from Selden took the pool with a 3½ lb. fluke. Captain Tony advised that fluking has been good right through Sunday with plenty of action but also plenty of throwbacks. Thursday night's bluefishing was termed excellent by the skipper with roughly 180 blues taken ranging up to 13 lbs. ride taking roughly one hour.

Word from the **Starstream II** is that the bluefish were close to shore this past week with some days better than others. Fish have been running 5 to 12 lbs. and high hook for the week was 22 choppers. Daytime it's jigging diamonds with tails and nighttimes it's bait and chum. Fares are scoring with A47s and A27s, depending on how fast the tide is ripping.

Aboard the **Capt. Al** bluefishng was good all week except for Thursday. Tuesday was a total slaughter. On Friday some fares caught into the 20s and all of the fishing is within 9 miles of Jones Inlet with action running from Jones to the NB buoy. It's all over at the Mud Hole, said Al. The night blues have been super and consistent as long as there's decent weather. Saturday night's trip saw 11 fares sock it to 175 big blues. Al said the night fishing starts to take hold anywhere between midnight and 1AM. Now is the time to come down for blues if you want them, he says.

Over at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** we learned of Sue Osani of Huntington on the boat That's Life taking a 9 lb. 8 oz. fluke on a large sand eel Friday off Short Beach Coast Guard. Fantastic fluking around with lots of shorts. Killie and squid have been working best in Long Creek, Fundy, Middle, Bay, Meadowbrook area and on ebb tide, the inlet and Reynolds. Flounder catches have been excellent in the deeper areas off Short Beach CG and the Big M. Blues have been sporadic in 90 feet of water south of the tower, all methods working.Loads of yellowfin tuna 23 miles SE of Jones on Green Machines and Z lures. Sharking has been spotty with some makos to 100 lbs. being brought in.

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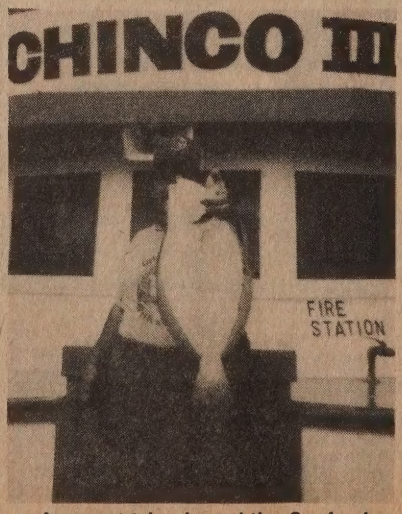

A recent trip aboard the Seaford based open boat, "Chinco III," produced this 6.7 lb. fluke for Greg Totton.

to tell about his 290 lb. mako shark which he weighed in at **Lou's Fishing Station**. The fish was taken in 120 feet of water SE of Jones on his 21 footer DeWelder.

JR at **Sea Isle Sports** bagged a 587 lb. giant tuna on the Montauk charter boat **Tuna Tangler**. The boat has now had 7 giants this season so far and is leading in the giant tuna catches so far this year at Montauk.

A call from Capt. Pat Focazio of the charter boat **Lady J III** told of Monday's good fluke trip for North Levittown Lanes Bowling Alley with a 5 lber. taking the pool. Areas worked was Jones Inlet around the CG Station. Wednesday was a kiddy trip for fluke in the rain for Oceanside Community activities., Fish were caught but no records set. Thursday's trip for the Tom Skinner group of Bellmore enjoyed a good pick of blues on jigs in 50 to 60 feet of water from Jones to Fl Inlet, fish running 5 to 8 lbs. Columbia Mechanical Corp, LIC fished for blues Friday SE of Ambrose in 90 feet of water enjoying a fair pick. Friday night's bluefish trip for NYEX in a lumpy sea found fishing very picky. Saturday's night trip for SAS saw fair bluefishing. The night trips are in 50 to 60 feet of water SW from Jones to the NB buoy. Sunday's trip for Forest Valley Tavern saw good catches of keeper fluke on the AM tide, with pool fish going 4½ lbs. The flood tide is best with smelt and squid as hook bait.

Word came from the **Bluefin Fleet** of lots of fluke with mucho midgets. Bluefishing for the week ranged from fair to very good depending on weather conditions and water temperature. High hook on fluke for the week was Al Malkin, Massapequa with 12 keepers. A 4 lb. pool winner was caught by Rich Waxman of 7¶up. Kevin Mckinna also with 7¶up swing a 3 lber. aboard ehile Joe Benedetto of Valley Stream ghad a fluke and 11 other keepers. Tom Manglino also had a 2½ lber. Noteworthy bluefish catches were a 10 lber. by Al Malkin, 12 lb. by Dick Kuebil, and an 8 lber. by Mary McGovern. High hook was 13 blues for Howard Naz. Fish have been running 3 to 12 lbs. Saturday night's bluefishing was very productive just east of Cholera.

Fishing aboard the **Capt. Andy II** Bob Carter of Akron, Ohio hoisted a 2¾ lb. pool fluke along with 3 other keepers. Fluking was very good this week said skipper Dusty Smith with the keeper ratio increasing over what it was last week, incoming best. Dusty has been working the inlet and Fundy Bay on squid and killies. Sharpies seem to be doing well with small smelts.

We learn from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** that fares have been having good fluking all week on the full day boat with high hooks in the teens. Pool fish are in the 4-5 lb. class. The half day boat has been doing good too with high hooks running from 9 to 12 good keepers. The fleet's PM flounder trips have been scoring very well. On Wed.

Jarrod and Todd Fischer, Tom and T.J. Williams, Donald Lyon and Mickey Abramson with a 170 lb. mako taken aboard the Freeport charter boat "Nan-sea."

Freeport angler John Smith decked 38 flounder while Jerry Kohn of Forest Hills, settled for 27, fish up to 2½ lbs.

Dockmaster Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** agreed fluking remains very good at the inlet and Reynolds along with the M Bridge and Short Beach, midgets galore. Blues have been picky with the best catches having been at the pipeline in 40 feet of water jigging or trolling. Nighttime action has been good right through Thursday on blues 4 to 15 lbs. Tuna and white marlin along with plenty of yft close in.

Out of nearby Pt. Lookout, the charter boat **Marie III** on Tuesday had Joe Cantrey on a shark trip drop a good size mako after two jumps fishing 25 miles SE of the inlet. Many 40 to 80 lb. yfts and bfts were in evidence. Friday's charter umbrella-ed up very good bluefish catches of 5 to 8 lb. blues se of Ambrose. Bay fluking Saturday, John Hagerstorm and group had 3-5 keepers a man, 5 to 8 per man for those that disregarded the rain and stayed at the rail. Sunday's trip for the Archer Fishing Club has super fluking in the Ocean-side and Island Park back waters. Thirty-four passengers had a total of approximately 850 fluke out of which approx. 100 were keepers going up to 5 lbs. Sand eels, spearing and fluke belly did the trick.

Word from the **Miss Point Lookout** was of good fluking all week. Thursday's AM trip had Eric Olsen with a 3 lb. pool fish and 13 other keepers. The PM trip had 10, 3 lb. fluke and a 5 lb. pool winner for an unnamed female passenger. Sunday's AM trip provided 10 keepers for Mark Rosenberg and a 4 lb. pool winner on the PM trip for Joe Sipos. Saturday's PM trip saw Ed Weiss working right through the storm and totaling 8 keepers. Blues being caught every night on the boat's night blue trips which started to get a lot better in the latter part of the week.

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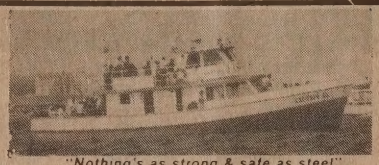

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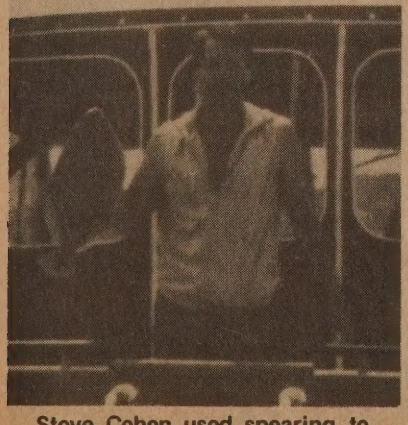
Station comes word of more keeper fluke now with best catches in the flats. The steady group from Wallington, NJ had 107 keepers for six people working the Middle Bay and Scow Creek flats on Tuesday, Killie and squid was the ticket. Bob Ays of Elmhurst bagged a 4-5/8 lb. fluke at buoy 17. Eighty flounder were caught at Swift Creek and the Big M for Joe Mack, Joe Buccolo and Joe Vemarinis One nearly hit 4 lbs. on the scale and six were in the 3 lb. class. Weaks of 8¼, 7½ and 6½ lbs. fell to Eric Hoffman fishing Sunday morning at the Big M with live bunker. Ohters good fluke spots have been buoys 17-19 and 14 and 15 at the inlet. A private boat that gases up at their dock fished 60-80 feet of water south of the inlet and umbrellaed nearly 90 blues 5-6 lbs.

A call from the **Capt. Bill** told of Thursday night's bluefish trip on which Joe Brickenbach of Massapequa bagged up with 15 blues from 5 to 13 lbs. Ten blues was the score for Jhn Briguglio of Hicksville while Bellmore angler Sal Richichi had 6 fish and a 13½ lb. pool winner. Things slowed somewhat Friday PM. High hooks on the half day fluke trips run 6 to 7 keepers a trip with pool fish in the 3-5 lb. range.Lots of action with a fair number of keepers.

from **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook Charlie told of Clyd and Lorraine Smith of Jamaica, NY on their boat Happy Hooker taking over 125 flounder, 25 of which were over 3 lbs. taken at the M Bridge on clam chum and bloodworms Tuesday. Ron Reinisch of Hewlett on his boat Sea Jacket on Friday morning fished 90' of water south of Debs taking 27 blues to 16 lbs. on mono line, 2 oz. drail and Beckmann's Blue Ape Rig. Tom Bonura of Valley Stream had 20 blues to 18 lbs. fishing Cholera on bait and chum. Bob Smith on the Montauk charter boat **Topaz** had 3 longfin albacore, 50-60 lbs., a 100 lb. alison tuna and a 42 lb. white marlin)caught by Jerry Desapio) and wrapped it up



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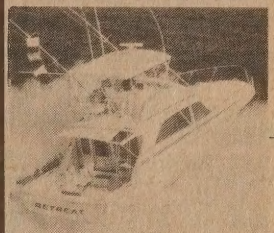

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From **Long Beach Sports Marina** we learned the fluke ratio has improved during the week with the main body of the fish being at buoys 5-7. The key is DEEP water. High hook of the week was 24 keeper fluke to 4½ lbs. caught by Sid and Mel Smythe on killies or smelt. Blues being trolled in the Atlantic beaches buoy 4 area along with some weaks on umbrellas. Snappers and bccs starting to show.

A call from Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach passed the word that the mother lode of blues left New Jersey and settled 4 to 8 miles off the south shore beach from Ambrose Tower to Fire Island, mixed fish. Fish are being taken on jigs, trolled lures and on bait. Since Saturday, the New Jersey head boats from as far away as Manasquan have been working this area also. Bass and weaks being chunked on the Tin Can grounds. Good weakfish catches in Jamaica Bay on live bunker. Ron has found considerable improvement in the fluking in Reynolds, but says sharking has been very poor (he actually used other words to describe sharking, but we can't repeat them).

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** Al repeated the tune of plenty of short fluke with some keepers mixed in and also bluefish being trolled on umbrellas in sthe buoy 4 area, just ac couple miles off the beach.

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From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** echoed the message of lots of fluke with lots of shorties with the same situation existing in Debs Inlet and off Riis Park. Bay Park holding small porgies and snappers now. Good flounder catches still being had in the holes off Short Beach CG and at the M Bridge.

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay told about both bridges producing decent size porgies on worms. A larger number of keeper fluke now on killies, squid and spearing. Blues and bass being caught off both bridges on bunker either whole or chunk. Weakfish also on the bunker, day or night three hours before the high. Daylight producing bay blues on small tins and baits while some bccs are showing now. On Sunday evening, Tom Lee took a 30 lbs. striper on a cast spoon off the Breezy Point jetty. Sunday Mike Derry smiled with his 9 ¼ lb. weak taken on bunker off the south channel bridge.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Jimmy at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** told of good 3 to 5 lb. blues at Nortons Point on bunker chunks fished on the bottom while larger blues are being taken from the HA buoy to the Farms. Lots of fluke still being caught with keeper ratios better each week. Lots of snappers, flounder and small porgies in Jamaica Bay and a few

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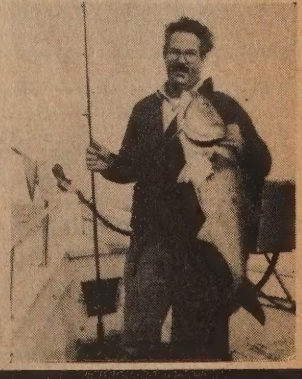

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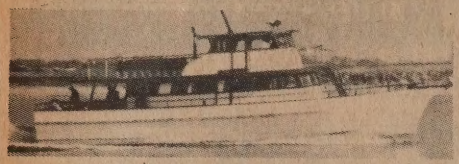

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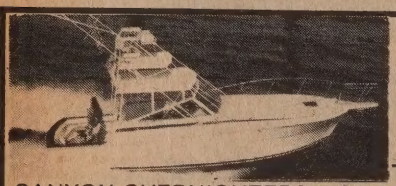

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stripers being taken around the jetty at night on worms and bunker. Weaks have been spotty from the can to Ambrose channel on bait tails.

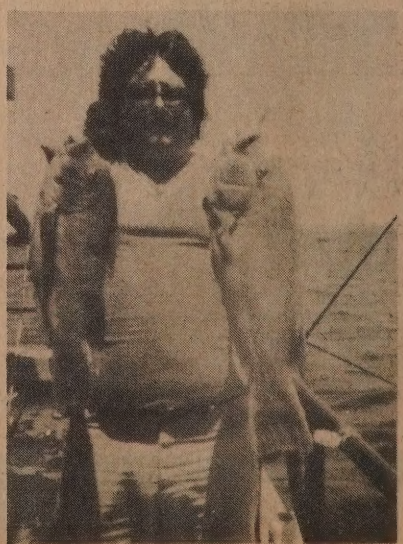
Skipper Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** advised that while bluefishing has been different everyday his catches have generally been good to super. Friday was a dynamite day east of Ambrose on blues 3 to 8 lbs. Saturday was a good pick in the rain while on Sunday 66 fares had to share roughly 150 choppers. Day fishing is all diamond jigs and action is from the NB to Ambrose. In the recently held Harbor Festival Al's boat won first prize with a 20 lb. 8 oz. blue (worth $1000) and 2nd prize with a 19 lb. 8 oz. blue (worth $500). The skipper also took the captain's trophy for "Captain of the Year." Al says the night blue trips are a lot more consistent working east of the tower on 3-6 lb. fish on biat and chum

Captain Mike Brumm of the charter boat **Daybreaker** called to say that bass and weakfish are still being caught on bunker at the Tin Can, though fewer than last week.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Summer bluefish action continues to build from Mid-Island east and "the year of the fluke" is still in evidence with fine numbers of summer flounder almost everywhere. Most fish are sublegal, but there are enough keepers to keep fillet fans



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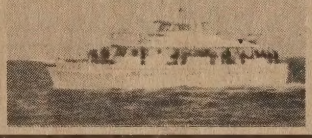

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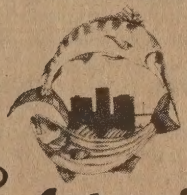

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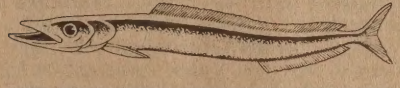

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WESTERN SOUND

Larry at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that 4 nice fluke per boat was the norm in many places on combination baits and bucktails. Bass were on the short side except for one sharpie who was trolling worms. Few blues in the 3 pound class were available. The **Klondike VIII** has been up in the Sound all week and expects to stay there, chasing 5-8 pound blues to the east. There are occasional weakfish thrown in.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** spoke of a lot of school bass off Hart's Island and the CBS Tower in the mornings and evenings. Rebels or trolled worms were still the standards. There were porgies from Prospect Point on up with a few flounder and blackfish still in the livery catches. The **Apache** was still working on Norwalk Islands flounder and blackfish with a dependable catch daily. The porgy fishing just has not been consistent enough. Carol called in Pete Anderson's report from the **North Star** and maintains that more than a dozen flounder per fare plus a few blackfish and porgies are the norm off the Norwalks. The porgies run over ½ pound with odd scup to 1¾. Bluefish just aren't anywhere close in the western areas.

Vinnie and friends with some big blacks caught aboard the City Island based "Apache."

Phil Nasi at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told the tale of Rod Raso who guided Peter Amato to his very first local bass, a 40.6 linesider trolled on a worm and 15 pound gear. There were small blues from 2 pounds up in the

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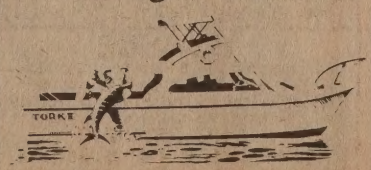

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harbors, and Hempstead Harbor and Crescent Beach were the places of note. School bass have been taken off Matinecock at night and Ron Oldenberg woke the neighborhood with a 5 foot shark.

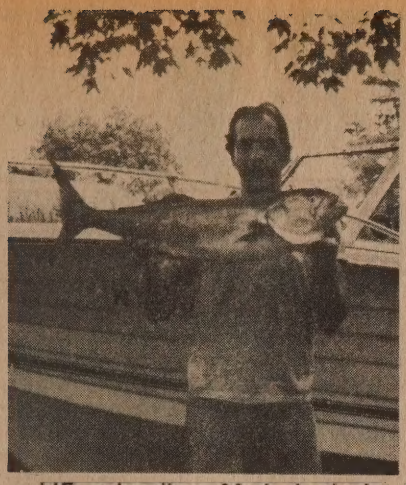
NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Eileen at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** called in a report of a large number of bluefish over 4 pound taken on Saturday morning by drifters off Callahan's. Snappers have started in Centerport. **Four Winds** customers were chasing bluefish from Eaton's to Crane's Neck in hit-and-miss fishing with diamond jigs. There were rare weakfish below the blues and one 13 pound tiderunner was weighed at the Station. Short fluke dominate local catches, but there are lots of flatties. Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** spoke of a good run of fluke south of Sand City. The Olivas got into 8 keepers with the best summer flounder weighing an honest 7 pounds. Northport Bay had a number of porgies. Local bluefish were in the 3 pound class.

Bowman's in **Northport** whispered of larger bluefish to 10 pounds in one wolf pack moving between Fort Salonga, Asharoken, and Mid-Sound with snappers in the harbors and peanuts east and west of Eaton's. Porgies can be found in the OB area and slow trolling is producing a lot of fluke in Huntington Bay. There are a few bass around and white jellyworms, drifted with the tide at night, seem to be good medicine for weakfish.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** told us that the porgies off Crane's Neck range from ¾ to 2 pounds and that the high water period was best for fluke in the Flack's Pond

Joe Hodnik and Rich Wright landed 13 weaks from 8 to 10 lbs. and four blues of 3 lbs. in the Northport surf. Tom Bowman, of Bowman's Sporting Goods in Northport, checked their catch and sent along the photo.



LIF subscriber Mark Luciani trolled this 13 lb. 4 oz. blue on an umbrella rig northeast of the Lilco loading platform.

and Pink House areas. Spearing-and-squid was the best combo and the biggest flatfish of the week tipped the scales at 8 pounds. While drifting for weakfish, some anglers even had catches of mackerel.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** said that small to medium porgies were in the rocks now, with enough weakfish under small 1½ to 4 pound bluefish to make things interesting. Most of the weaks were in the 8 pound class, though one 12 pounder was honestly weighed. Lots of short fluke were on the flats with on and off catches of 4 pounders. The average keepers were 14 to 18 inches.

Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** liked trolling for bluefish in the Buoy 9 and Buoy 11 areas with fish in the 4 pound class common. Weakfish action near the Pink House was close to the beach with Rebels, Redfins, and sandworms the logical choices.

Billy Collins called to say that the **Ever Ready** didn't even have to leave Huntington Bay to load up on blues earlier this week. The action on good days could produce 30-40 blues per fare from 3-4 pounds to an occasional 6-8 pounder. Fishing through Saturday was very good with occasional weakfish and one 16 pound linesider mixed in. Some fish are deep, some are up on top, and there is no specific pattern. The Ever Ready will be starting on her summer night fishing trips this week at 4:30 wednesday, and the Collinses should be called for details.

NORTH FORK

According to Nick at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue**, porgy fishing on the Sound from Reeves to Orient is "as good as it ever will be". Scup are mixed sizes from pins to 1½ pounds. Bluefish make news off Roanoke on the Sound and off Red Cedar Point on the Peconics. There are rumors that

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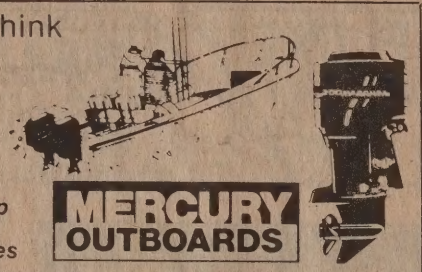

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Paul Young landed this 7 lb. 3 oz. fluke in Long Island Sound. The fish was weighed at Stan Hentschel's Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

large bass have been livelined from the sluice and the Race as well.

The **Mattituck Fishing Station** reported that Saturday was the best porgy day in a long time with some catches of 50 scup per person from the Firing Range to the Motel with the top fish weighed at 2½ pounds and a lot of ½ pound fish as well. One to Three weakfish per boat also showed in the catches for those using high hooks 4 feet off the bottom. Most weaks were 4-5 pounds, although a 12 pounder was weighed. Fluke action was "fantastic" but most of the fish in the catches were shorts. Horton's was excellent for summer flatties. Ron Peterson at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** said that the bluefish down at Buoy 5 were chasing bunker and he dittoed the porgy report of Charlie Caraftis. Peterson warns that fluke anglers must be selective on the 14 inch legal limit. A catch of 7 shorts last weekend cost one unlucky group a total of $350 in fines.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** described the western Peconics as "not too bad" with the summer run weaks apparantly showing in Roses. One catch of 27 weaks to 4 pounds was reported along with good hauls of porgies to 100 fish in deeper water. Saturday was a banner day for those using squid and sandworms.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** said that scup were schooling nicely off Buoy 17 with some good catches off South Ferry for those who knew how to fish that area. There were fluke on the Sound off the old Orient Station, with no great numbers but with a better keeper ratio than in most areas.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** says that he has good supplies of killies for fluke specialists. Art weighed one of the biggest blackfish of the year anywhere, a 14 pound giant taken off the beach near the 67 Steps. He reported small blues in Orient harbor with a few bass for local specialists. The **Brand X** had a big day on Saturday

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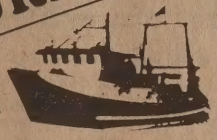
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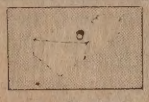
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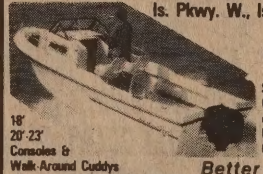
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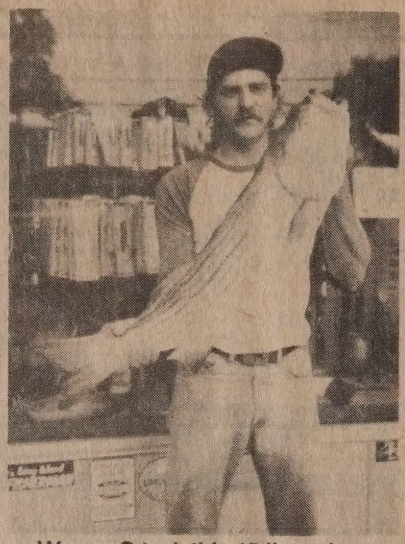
with porgies in Gardiners and on the Sound. George Porter has been doing consistently well in the past week or so, according to White.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** said that the weakfish action on diamond jigs off Gardiner's had slowed and that a one drift on the spooky body of fish was all you got. There is so much bait in the water that the fish seem picky, too. Range of weakfish sizes for diamond jiggers runs over 6 pounds and up to 14. Much of Jensen's time has been taken up fluking as well on the huge body of 14 to 16 inch fish down east. Rod DeLisle of the **Prowler** said that a ratio of 1:8 of keepers to shorts was the norm, with an occasional fish to 5 pounds. A charter of 4-6 anglers will take 12-15 keepers with no trouble. DeLisle reported a 10½ pound bluefish for Bill Martin as well as a 9 pound weakfish. Porgy fishing at Gardiner's netted about 40 medium scup for Roddy during one burst Saturday.

The open boats plying the fluking trade at Gardiner's continue to do very well. Anna May Rainis says that John feels the great numbers of fish are enough to offset the large number of throwbacks on the **Blue Albatross**. Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time II** maintains that "all the big fish are caught on smaller rather than larger strip baits". Pool fish in the hauls of 5-10 per fare will run close to 5 pounds and one 9 pounder was weighed at Orient. Hopes are high that the good fluking will last for a while because its taken off so well so early.



Wayne-O took this 15 lb. striper from a Rocky Point beach on a RedFin. Fish was weighed at Rocky Point Fishing Stop in Rocky Point.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Surf action around the island continued to provide some good opportunities for those casters willing to put in the time. The north shore retained its quota of school bass with an occasional teen fish mixed in. Small blues have been available though irratic on both shores and weakfishing seems to have faded though a few yellowfins continue to be picked around the inlet and along certain north shore beaches.

Several good stripers came to our attention. The first concerned a 32 pound fish taken from the Tobay surf Friday morning. Angler Frank Hoerauf told Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook** the fish fell for a whole squid.

Striper Surf Club member Bill Rothwell found a pair of nice stripers in the back of Jones Inlet on Sunday night. Both fish were taken on bunker. According to Mike Kaland, PR man for the club, the fish weighed 34 and 21.13 pounds.

Scott Smith of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported a fair number of small bass in the Democrat Surf. Most are shorts between 18 and 22 inches and are being taken on 007's with white and green tubes. A few weakfish being taken off the Sore Thumb on bait.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** spoke of some small blues around Moriches Inlet. The only bass news concerned a few husky school stripers to 12 pounds being taken on Rebels along the open beach east of Shinnecock Inlet.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch was lamenting the fish poor weekend. He said that things were very quiet with just a couple of weakfish spread around the point.

Up on the North Shore some small blues, an occasional weakfish and some small school bass along local beaches according to George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington**. A steady pick of bass at Sunken Meadow this week drew quite a crowd on Friday. Everyone managed a fish or two on Helcats, Rebels and Redfins.

Over at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Tom Brady spoke of 2-4 pound blues in and out and all hours of the day. After dark, few weaks to 10 pounds along with some husky school bass at Hagerman and Hallock Landings. Use Rebels or Redfins and droppers for the bass and weaks.

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	6:50	7:10	7:25	7:55	7:25	7:45	8:20	8:30	10:10	10:15	10:10	10:25	6:45	7:05	7/26
FRI.	7:40	7:55	8:20	8:45	8:15	8:30	9:10	9:15	11:00	11:05	11:00	11:20	7:35	7:55	7/27
SAT.	8:30	8:45	9:10	9:35	9:05	9:20	9:55	10:05	11:50	12:00	11:50	12:05	8:20	8:40	7/28
SUN.	9:20	9:30	10:00	10:25	9:55	10:10	10:45	11:00	—	12:40	—	12:40	9:10	9:30	7/29
MON.	10:10	10:20	10:50	11:10	10:50	11:05	11:35	11:50	12:50	1:30	12:55	1:30	10:00	10:20	7/30
TUES.	11:00	11:10	11:45	12:05	11:45	12:00	—	12:25	1:45	2:20	1:45	2:20	10:50	11:10	7/31
WED.	11:55	12:10	—	12:35	—	12:35	12:45	1:20	2:40	3:10	2:40	3:10	11:40	12:05	8/1
THURS.	—	12:50	12:55	1:30	12:50	1:30	1:40	2:15	3:35	4:10	3:35	4:05	—	12:40	8/2

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/26	5:47	8:25
FRI. 7/27	5:48	8:24
SAT. 7/28	5:49	8:23
SUN. 7/29	5:50	8:22
MON. 7/30	5:51	8:21
TUE. 7/31	5:52	8:20
WED. 8/1	5:53	8:19

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/26	3:21AM	7:15PM
FRI. 7/27	4:23AM	8:09PM
SAT. 7/28	5:34AM	8:55PM
SUN. 7/29	6:51AM	9:33PM
MON. 7/30	8:09AM	10:06PM
TUE. 7/31	9:26AM	10:35PM
WED. 8/1	10:41AM	11:02PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
7/28	8/4	8/11	8/19

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:40	**9:50**	4:00	**10:20**
Fri.	4:35	**10:45**	4:55	**11:15**
Sat.	5:30	**11:40**	5:50	—
Sun.	6:25	**12:10**	6:55	**12:45**
Mon.	7:25	**1:15**	8:00	**1:45**
Tues.	8:25	**2:15**	9:00	**2:45**
Wed.	9:25	**3:15**	9:55	**3:40**
Thurs.	10:15	**4:05**	10:45	**4:30**

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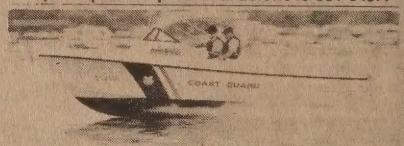

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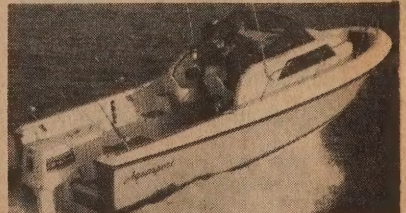

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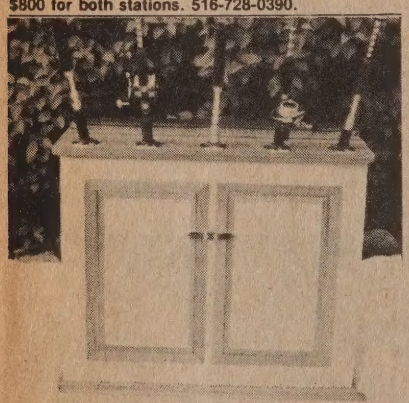

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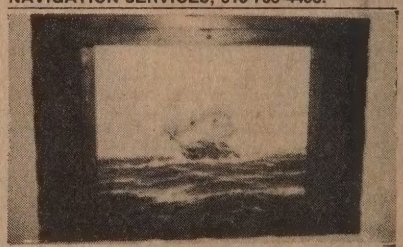

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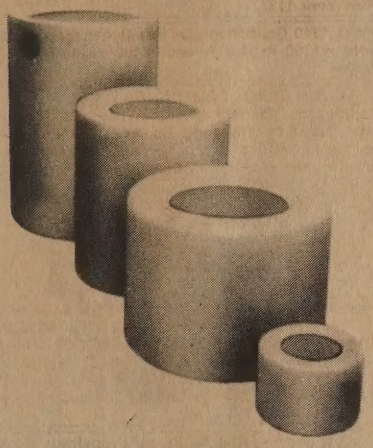

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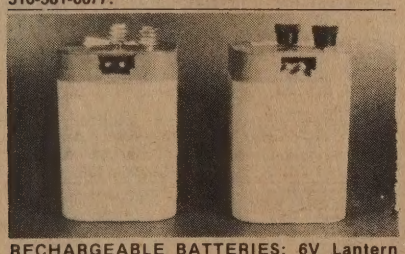

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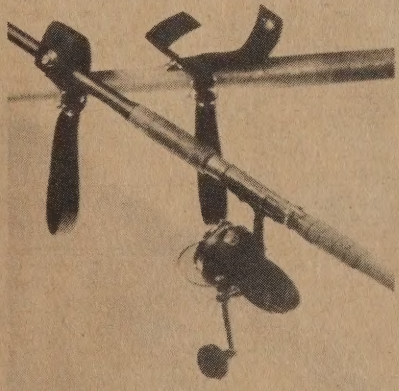

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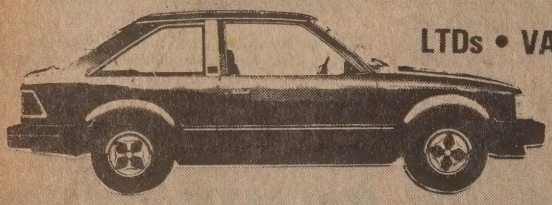

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